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FANTASTIC EFFECT OF NEW BOMBS

The "fantastic" destructive power of the R.A.F.'s new bombs is shown by reports from Emden, says the Air Ministry news service.

One bomb dropped recently near Emden post office turned the whole of that part of the town into a heap of ruins.

Two hundred houses were damaged, not counting those whose windows were broken. Seventy of these were completely destroyed.

Houses 500 yards from where the bomb fell had window frames, doors and parts of the roof blown away.

The news service adds: "Two bombs caused fires 200 to 300 yards high."—Reuter.

NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF EL GAZALA

A successful bombardment of enemy troops and supplies in the El Gazala area of Libya by British naval units is reported by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, stated an Admiralty communique released in London yesterday, according to Reuter.

Determination To Hit Back At Hitler

(By Reuter's Special Reporter at Plymouth)

THESE SOFT-SPOKEN WEST COUNTRY MEN AND WOMEN ARE JUST PLUMB-MAD WITH HITLER. MANY HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES, THEIR BUSINESSES AND RELATIVES BUT THIS IS NOT THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. THEY DO NOT MOURN — THEY DO NOT LAMENT — THEY JUST WANT TO HAVE A CRACK AT HITLER.

Reason for the massed raid on Plymouth was obviously to break morale. In blasting Plymouth, Hitler hoped to make the British squeal.

He has succeeded but that squeal was not a Hitlerian squeal and it has achieved a raging tornado of hate and a burning determination to hit back.

These people of the West Country are not as those of major cities. Their tempo is slower. They are church-goers. But this morning an old Plymouth lady of 90 blushed at her own language. Hitler had demolished her home and some lovely honey she had secured from the Venerable Abbot of Buckfast Abbey. Justifiably she was aggrieved.

A "Swine!"

I regret to say that this old lady called Hitler a "swine." In the next breath she dismissed her own affairs.

"I see," said, "that they have got most of our boys out of Greece. It takes a long time to get the British Empire together but that Man is beaten already, yet he does not know it."

This typifies the spirit of these wonderful people.

Groping over ruined buildings I felt like a jackal. I had to see the stark reality of Hitler's conception of war and I was a "Paul Pry."

Against the spirit of Plymouth this was an unenviable task. Watching people save what belongings remained from their homes I felt emotionally exhausted. Hearing their comments on (Continued on Page 16)

SLIGHT DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy activity over Britain during daylight yesterday was on a very small scale, states an Air Ministry communique. Bombs were dropped at one point on the south coast, causing damage and a very small number of casualties. — Reuter.

THREAT TO SINK U.S. WARSHIPS

All ships, including American warships, are liable to German attack within Germany's proclaimed war zones, is an official German declaration, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter" yesterday.

This applies, continues the declaration, irrespective of whether other powers acknowledge these war zones or not.

The newspaper's military correspondent says what while British land operations during April were "most depressing,"

IT SEEMS THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AT PRESENT IN NO WAY CORRESPONDS WITH THE PROMISES MADE BY THE GERMANS IN THEIR ADVANCE PUBLICITY.

American patrolling of this front must be regarded as most significant and would seem likely shortly to become convoying in the opinion of this writer, who concludes "The consequences of this action remain to be seen." — Reuter.

calibre available as Prime Minister at this time," he added. — Reuter.

THREATENING MOVE BY IRAQI ARMY

REPORTS REACHING LONDON FROM BAGHDAD INDICATE THAT CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENCE OF IMPERIAL FORCES IN THAT AREA, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

It will be recalled that before the arrival of these troops in Basra, the Iraq administration concurred in the opening of lines of communication through the country, as provided in the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

When informed of the imminent arrival of further units, necessary to complete the strength of the Imperial forces, the Iraqi administration suddenly took the line that they could not agree to the arrival of further British troops before those already there had passed through.

The British Government could not agree to any derogation from the treaty rights, the movement proceeded, as planned and the units concerned disembarked at Basra without incident.

iraqi Army Move

Certain concentrations on the part of the Iraqi army have, however, now taken place, which might be regarded as a threat to the security of the British air base at Habbayah, on the Euphrates, some 80 miles to the west of Basra.

THE IRAQI ADMINISTRATION ARE BEING PRESSED TO REMOVE THEIR TROOPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO AS TO AVOID THE RISK OF ANY INCIDENT. — REUTER.

ated. We must prepare now for any eventuality." — Reuter.

U.S. FLEET STRIPPED FOR ACTION

"Our Fleet is ready and stripped for action," declared Admiral Adolphus Andrews, of the U.S. 3rd naval district, to the New York Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

"We must ensure the delivery of needed supplies for England. If that means convoys then we must convoy, otherwise we may as well prepare for England's defeat."

"There can be no peace for us until the present chaos is eliminated."

NO PEACE SENTIMENT

"THERE IS NO SENTIMENT FOR PEACE AMONG THE ENGLISH PEOPLE," SAID MAJOR-GENERAL HENRY ARNOLD, CHIEF OF THE U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS, ON RETURN TO NEW YORK YESTERDAY BY CLIPPER FROM ENGLAND, WHERE HE HAD BEEN ON A VISIT AS AN OBSERVER OF THE WAR.

"England is most fortunate in having a man of Mr. Churchill's

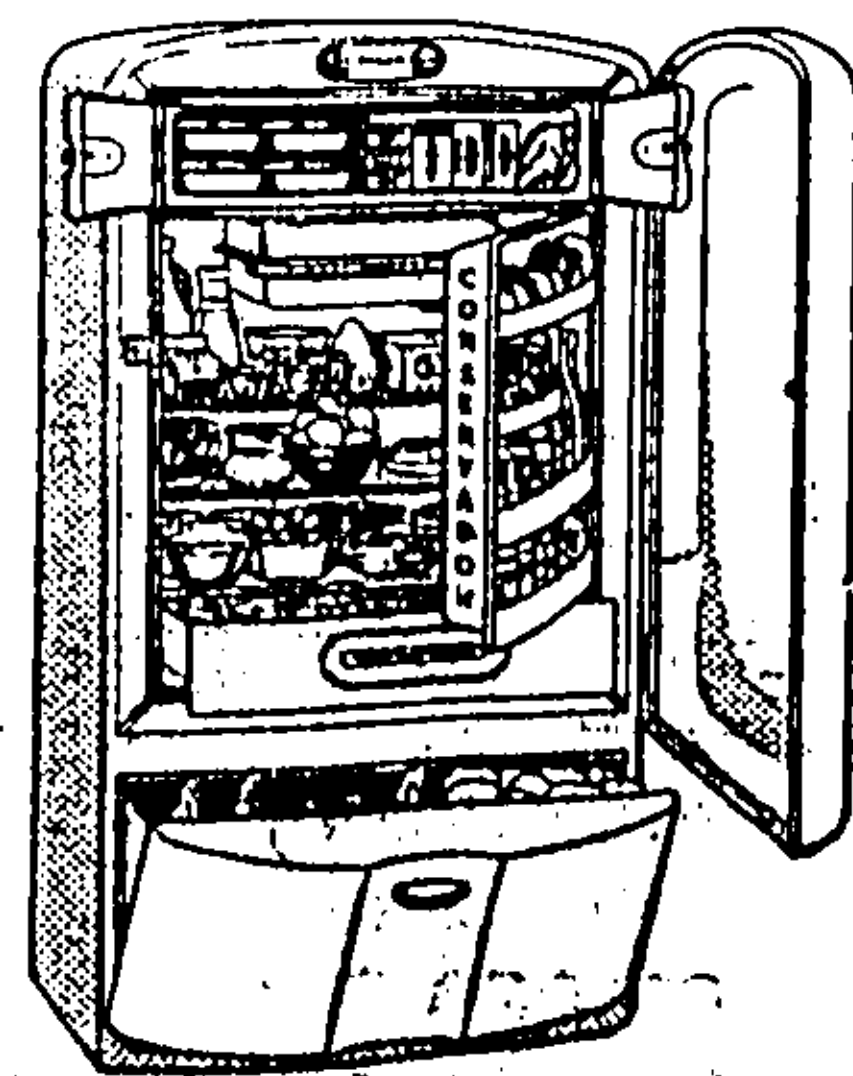
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AMERICAN AID FOR EXILED GOVERNMENTS

WHOLE-HEARTED United States support of the exiled Governments of Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium was emphasised in a striking speech by Mr. Anthony Drexel Biddle, U.S. Ambassador to these countries, at an English Speaking Union reception in London yesterday.

Mr. Biddle said: "My presence emphasises not only the tragedies of war but the determination of these Governments to maintain the freedom and independence of their nations.

"At the same time it enables my Government, which does not accept the doctrine that an occupying power acquires the right to enjoy the fruits of aggression, to give renewed evidence of its desire to maintain close contact with these Governments, besides being a sign of America's appreciation of the gallant way in which these Governments are conducting their activities on the soil of their ally, Britain.

After describing President Roosevelt's statement on Wednesday night as a clear and complete statement of policy, Mr. Biddle recalled that "America has her roots in a whole-some blend of the liberty-loving elements of all nations.

Stronghold Of Liberty

"Now Britain, this great English-speaking country, stronghold of liberty and courage, by according friendly hospitality to the gallant Governments and armed forces of her Allies, has made possible here a thorough melting-pot of solemn determination to keep this world a humane, liberal and decent place to live in."

Lord Willington, who recently headed a British goodwill mission to South America, introducing Mr. Biddle, paid a tribute to America and President Roosevelt's wholehearted support to Britain and her Allies in the struggle for freedom.—Reuter.

COMRADES IN ARMS

British troops left the Greek mainland amidst moving demonstrations by the local inhabitants.

The cordial comradeship between the Greek Army and the Imperial forces during the battle was emphasised yesterday in Greek circles at Canea (Crete), and several examples of this brotherhood in arms were cited.

Despite intense German air bombing and the destruction of Greek towns the population had learnt well one of the chief lessons of the Battle of France.

It was stated they obeyed instructions, preserved complete self-control and avoided the obstruction of lines of communication.

The British evacuation was materially assisted by their behaviour.—Reuter.

FIRE FIGHTERS HIS MEMORIAL

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

There are two memorials to a seventeen-year-old boy who was killed by a bomb while he was putting out incendiaries.

One is a black marble vase on his grave inscribed: "To Ronnie, for bravery."

The other is the N.F.F.—Newbould's Fire Fighters. Ronnie's surname was Harrison and Newbould is the name of the road at Cheddle, Cheshire, where he lived.

Neighbours put the vase on his grave.

But his father, mourning an only son, vowed that he would raise a greater monument to his memory.

"On the night Ronnie was killed," he told me, "I decided to organise a voluntary band of fire-watchers. I vowed that I would do all that I could to save the lives of other men's sons."

24 Pioneers

And so, long before the Home Secretary's fire-watchers were thought of, Newbould Road had its fire wardens. Each man of this pioneer band of twenty-four wears an arm band, "N.F.F."

On each man's gate is a white disc.

At seventeen, Ronnie Harrison was a clever apprentice at an aircraft works. At school his teachers were amazed at his knowledge of aircraft and his skill in modelling them.

The last model which left his hands was a new design which he hoped would be an improvement on the Spitfire.

It was complete even to a petrol engine. When he died, the engine was buried with him.

600 WEATHER "CLIMBS" TO 25,000 FEET

An R.A.F. officer recently broke the record for the Meteorological Flight by making 587 weather "climbs" to 25,000 feet. By now he has made 600.

The previous individual best was 586. The record breaking pilot—now a Flight Lieutenant—was recently promoted to command the Flight, which he had joined as a Sergeant Pilot in March 1939.

In just over four years these "Met" fliers have not missed a single scheduled flight in a total of 2376 climbs.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA TACTICS

Rumours of intended British intervention in Spain and Portugal are devoid of foundation, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

They were put out by German propaganda agencies with the object of stirring up feeling against Britain among the Spanish and Portuguese peoples and of furthering German plans for penetration in the Iberian Peninsula.

It was the earnest hope of the British Government, Mr. Butler concluded, that these German plans would be frustrated and the Spaniards and Portuguese would be spared the miseries of war.—Reuter.

ICE ON THE WINGS

The severe weather experienced by Royal Air Force pilots in Greece has produced some great stories of bravery. The Italian air battle losses would have been multiplied had not the treacherous Balkan weather proved so able an ally to the enemy.

A young Canadian pilot describing what he terms a "routine raid" said:

"We were on our way home from a raid. The weather was sticky, and, as we were flying at 7,000 feet with high mountains all around, we had to go up through the cloud. At 16,000 feet ice formed on the wings, and the controls began to get heavy. The cockpit was full of snow. Then glaze-ice, the most dangerous sort, started to form.

"My observer said: 'We've got another three minutes'. Just as we were going to jump, we saw a hole in the cloud—a tiny one—and dived for home."

The crew of another aircraft were not quite so fortunate. The sergeant pilot had coaxed his machine up through the clouds to 20,000 feet, when, owing to ice formation in the air intake, one engine "cut". The bomber went into a spin and it was not until the order had been given to prepare to jump, that it was discovered that the observer's parachute pack had been thrown out of reach by the spinning aircraft.

The pilot and air-gunner elected to stay with the observer. Fourteen thousand, twelve thousand, ten thousand—the altimeter needle was rounding the dial like the seconds hand of a watch. Both engines had stopped and the aircraft was still spinning.

At 7,000 feet they pierced the cloud and saw what appeared to be a narrow valley between mountains. The pilot righted his aircraft, made a "dead stick" and effected a successful landing on a minute field—the only possible landing ground for miles around.

West Point Incident

Apparently with the object of committing suicide, a 61-year-old Chinese jumped from the roof of a two-storied building in West Point yesterday and landed on an eight-year-old girl.

Both were removed to the Queen Mary Hospital, but are not in a serious condition.

MR. MATSUOKA SLIGHTLY INDISPOSED

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is slightly indisposed.

Consequently a conference between the Cabinet and defence chiefs, scheduled for yesterday, had to be postponed.—Reuter.

Fifty Oil Tankers To Aid

Fifty oil tankers are to be placed in special service to aid Britain within the next few days by the United States Maritime Commission.

All operators of American tankers of over 5,000 tons are being asked to help in this.

The tentative plan does not call for the transfer of tankers' registry but for their use outside the war for the direct benefit of Britain.

They will carry oil from South American countries to North Atlantic ports, where the oil will be trans-shipped to British vessels.

The move is regarded as the Commission's first response to the appeal President Roosevelt made on Wednesday for two million tons of merchant shipping to be used to supply "all out aid for the Democracies."—Reuter.

STRONG BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO GERMANY

BRITAIN HAS MADE strong representations to the German Government against reprisals taken against British war prisoners in Germany, although this is forbidden by the Prisoners of War Convention.

An official announcement in London yesterday stated news has reached the War Office that 500 British officer prisoners in Germany were moved to camps with inferior amenities on the grounds that conditions in an officer prisoners of war camp in Canada did not conform to the requirements of the Prisoners of War Convention.

The Canadian camp had, in fact, been favourably reported on by a delegate of the International Red Cross Committee, says the announcement.

Representatives of the protecting power and a delegate of the International Red Cross Committee reported that one camp to which the British had been transferred was overcrowded and in both camps hygienic conditions were unsatisfactory.

The overcrowding since had been relieved by the transfer of 150 officers to another camp, and orders were issued towards the end of March to carry out certain improvements in the camps after the Germans had received favourable reports on the Canadian camps from Switzerland.

The British representations were made through the protecting power.—Reuter.

TIN FOR SARDINES WITHHELD

Because no "satisfactory guarantee exists" that the tin will not find its way to Germany, supplies from America vital to Portugal's sardine industry are withheld under the export licensing restrictions.

The sardine season began yesterday but as many factories have only one week's supply of tin, this vital industry, valued at well over £2,000,000 annually, is threatened with ruin.

Britain is unable to supply tin but granted navicerts long ago.

The factory workers have already spent five months in virtual idleness and employers are facing bankruptcy as they are compelled to pay their regular staff three days a week whether they work or not. Casual workers receive nothing.

Fishermen regard the outlook as black, it was stated in Lisbon yesterday. The province of Algarve, most southerly in Portugal, has already spent the "winter in misery."—Reuter.

CHINESE GIRL AS QUEEN OF THE MAY

FOR THE FIRST TIME PROBABLY IN WEST OF ENGLAND HISTORY, A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHINESE GIRL, MURIEL WONG, WAS YESTERDAY CROWNED MAY QUEEN BY THE OVERWHELMING VOTE OF HER FELLOW-SCHOLARS.

Bedecked with flowers and attended by maids of honour, she was the centre of time-honoured ceremonies including songs and dances.—Reuter.

385 AXIS 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

FIGURES FOR ENEMY AND BRITISH AIR LOSSES DURING APRIL, AS ANNOUNCED IN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE, ARE:—

Over Britain—Axis losses 112, R.A.F. losses 3.
Over Germany—Axis losses 18, R.A.F. losses 108.
Middle East—Axis losses 255, R.A.F. losses 61.

Altogether 87 of 112 enemy planes destroyed over Britain were shot down at night, of which 49 fell to night fighters, 35 to A.A. gunfire and three to unspecified means.—Reuter.

CONSIDERABLE CAPTURES AT DESSIE

Italian Collapse: Prepared For Strong Resistance

White Flag At Last Moment

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY DESCRIBES THE CAPTURE OF DESSIE AS A "CONSIDERABLE VICTORY," AS IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND GUNS CAPTURED THAT THE ITALIANS WERE DETERMINED TO MAKE A STRONG RESISTANCE.

The position at Komboltcha Pass, which was well dug and heavily wired, was covered by 28 guns, all of which were captured.

The position at Dessie was suited to all-round defence. It included 17 localities supported by seven forts and numerous strong points.

THE FINAL ATTACK TOOK PLACE WHEN MILITARY AND CIVIL OFFICERS APPROACHED FROM THE ENEMY LINES IN A WHITE-FLAGGED CAR AND AFTER SOME PARLEYING AGREED TO UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

After giving the total number of prisoners taken and guns captured the communique indicated that all the war material has not yet been assessed.

The evacuation of some civilians from Addis Ababa has begun, it was officially stated. — Reuter.

NIGHT OF ADVENTURE

One of our bomber crews had an exciting night recently. In the words of the sergeant pilot, "We were on the outward journey, about 30 miles from the English coast, when we were attacked by a Messerschmidt 110 which fired three bursts at us. One burst went across our tail and the others over and below the starboard wing. Five minutes after the first burst, the wireless operator saw an aircraft falling in flames 10 miles astern of us.

"We then flew on to bomb certain military objectives in Düsseldorf, but when we arrived there we found that the town was entirely covered by low cloud. We cruised about looking for a gap, and after some time gave up the search and flew on to Munchen-Gladbach, where we hoped to find better conditions. However the clouds were just as low and covered the whole town.

"On we went, and when at last we flew out of the clouds the navigator reported a mainline railway bridge crossing a river below us. We made straight for this and dropped our bombs. Imagine our disappointment when the rear gunner reported that there were no signs of bomb bursts. We circled round once more and passed over the bridge to see if it was still intact. Far from being intact the bridge had collapsed altogether.

"We still had our incendiaries, and farther along the line we saw a goods train steaming slowly along, so we dropped them immediately ahead of it. The engine fouled the incendiaries, the train piled up in the centre and toppled over on top of the blazing bombs. Then it burst into flames. We then set course for home."

SWEDEN REPEATS POLICY

Sweden has no secret political agreement with any country or government," declared the Prime Minister, M. Hansson, speaking at a Stockholm May Day demonstration yesterday.

M. Hansson added Sweden had no aggressive intentions and was free from any treaty of alliance. The nation simply wished to maintain friendly relations with other countries and peoples.

Swedish foreign policy, he added, was to safeguard Sweden's independence, internal and external liberty and to keep the country out of the war between the great powers. "This policy contains nothing equivocal," he stated. — Reuter.

KING HANDLES TOMMY-GUN

THOUGH HE HAD NEVER BEFORE HANDLED A TOMMY-GUN, THE KING, DURING A VISIT TO THE SOUTHERN COMMAND YESTERDAY, FOUND THE "HEART" OF AN ENEMY SOLDIER SILHOUETTE TARGET WITH THE FIRST FOUR SHOTS FIRED FROM THE SHOULDER POSITION.

Lowering the gun to his waist the King again registered many hits on the target in a sequence of 17 shots.

The Queen applauded his good marksmanship. — Reuter.

TO CHUNGKING VIA IRAN

The Chinese consul-general in Vladivostok arrived at Quetta (India) yesterday by the overland route through Iran, en route to Chungking, where he will join the Foreign Office.

He proceeds to Calcutta and thence to Rangoon. — Reuter.

MASCOTS IN R.A.F.

The story of the showman who advertised for an unusual dog and was soon besieged by a canine army is in a fair way to be rivalled by the experience of the R.A.F. Comforts Committee.

Last month it was announced that the Committee had received a fine Alsatian dog to be given to a fighter squadron as a mascot. Hardly had this dog taken up his quarters with his new masters when he began to be followed by others.

Three more Alsatis have been received by the Committee to date. Nor have they come alone. Other arrivals at the Committee's headquarters at 20 Berkeley Square have included:

- A bull terrier.
- A bloodhound.
- A Golden cocker.
- A Manchester terrier.
- Two mongrels.

All these have found homes with bomber or fighter squadrons; but as the stream of arrivals showed signs of swelling into a flood the Committee have indicated that they have enough dogs for the present.

On the other hand if anyone has a musical instrument to spare, suitable for an R.A.F. station band, it would be very welcome. There is also a demand among the W.A.A.F. for more sewing machines, used not only for the women's own sewing but for work done for the men.

R.A.F. CARRY OUT BLITZ ATTACK IN THE DESERT

A PARTICULARLY severe attack was carried out in the Gambut area by a formation of R.A.F. fighters on Wednesday, says an R.A.F. communique issued yesterday.

At least 100 vehicles, 30 of which contained troops, were hit and damaged. Twenty of them burst into flames.

One R.A.F. fighter intercepted four Messerschmidt machine-gunning British troops near Sofafi, and severely damaged two of the German fighters.

A Henschel aircraft was also shot down near Gambut.

Numerous flights were carried out by R.A.F. fighters, protecting the final convoys in the evacuation of British troops from Greece.

Enemy aircraft raided Malta on Wednesday and Tuesday night causing some damage to R.A.F. property and inflicting a few casualties.

One Junkers bomber was damaged by A.A. fire and brought

down by R.A.F. fighters, another was shot down direct by A.A. fire and a number of others damaged.

Abyssinia Operations

On Wednesday and Tuesday R.A.F. and South African planes machine-gunned enemy motor transport near Assab and in the Sciaslamanna area of Abyssinia. Considerable damage and casualties were caused.

An enemy camp north of Maji was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Three R.A.F. planes are missing from the above operations. — Reuter.

FRANZ VON PAPEN RETURNING TO TURKEY

Franz von Papen, Nazi Ambassador to Turkey, will arrive in Istanbul by air tomorrow, according to the German radio.

He is at present in Germany. — Reuter.

BIBLE SCHOLAR DIES

Dr. James Rendell Harris, noted Biblical scholar, archaeologist and orientalist, has died at his home at Selly Oak, Birmingham, aged 89, after an attack of influenza.

Nearly 20 years after he had acquired it in Egypt, a section of papyrus was proved to be the oldest known fragment of the Bible—a papyrus roll of the Book of Deuteronomy.

When he acquired the papyrus in 1917 from a fellahin who had hidden it away, he was recuperating from the effects of spending two days in a boat in the Mediterranean after his ship had been torpedoed.

On his way back to England, his ship was again torpedoed, but Dr. Harris had left the papyrus behind.

ANGER AT GREEK QUISLING

News that a Quisling regime has been set up by the Germans in Athens is greeted with a storm of indignation in the Crete press.

Profound regret is expressed that some Greeks have been found willing to play the Nazis' game.

This fake government is quite out of touch with the feelings of the Greek people, who fought so heroically against heavy odds, the newspapers declare.

By the wish of the entire nation the Greek National Government, now gathered round King George of the Hellenes in Crete, will continue the struggle to the end, it is emphasised. — Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful yesterday, dominated by gilt-edged which advanced usefully on a sustained investment demand in which Indian loans participated. Home rails also improved on fair support but apart from some buying of iron and steel shares, other sections were quiet. An advance in Iraq 4½ per cent from 84 to 86 was a feature of the foreign market which generally was firmly held. Wall Street was very subdued. — Reuter.

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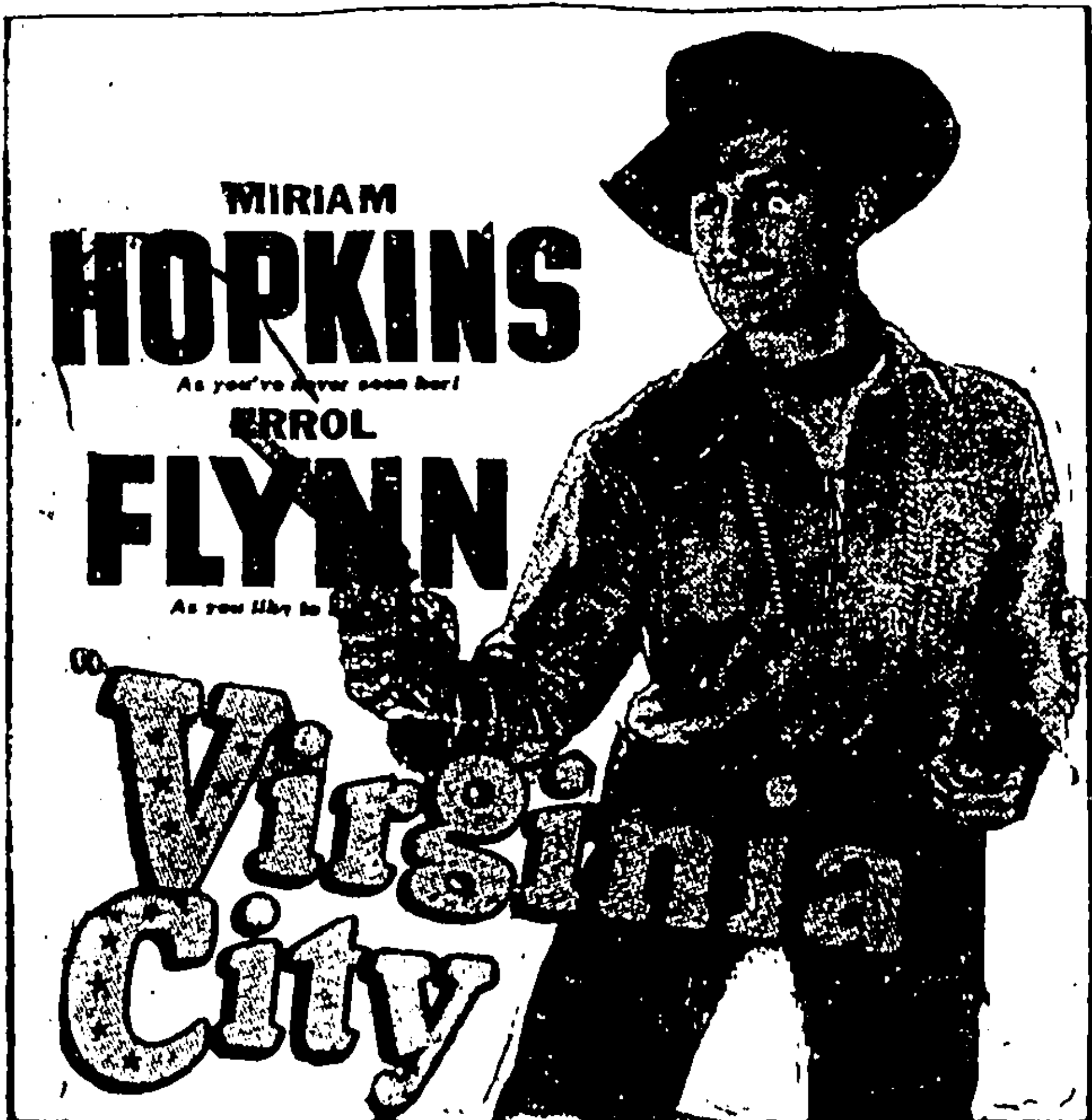
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NIGHTSOIL COOLIE WOMEN DEMONSTRATE AT S.C.A.

THE SECRETARIAT for Chinese Affairs was besieged yesterday afternoon by hundreds of women, with babies strapped to their backs and other offspring trailing behind, all members of the Luen Yip Guild (the night-soil organisation).

The women and their children, headed by four delegates (also women), marched from the Guild headquarters at 2 p.m. carrying large banners on which were written "The petition of century-old night-soil workers" and "save our livelihood."

Traffic was temporarily dislocated and the emergency police unit was called out to prevent any disorder, which fortunately did not occur.

One woman fainted in the crowd and an ambulance had to be summoned to take her to the Queen Mary Hospital.

When the four women delegates proceeded to the first floor of the Secretariat to see Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the women and children in the streets below and in the corridors started to wail and cry.

Mr. North explained to the delegates why Government decided to take over control of night-soil removal and advised them to register with the Urban Council for employment.

The women then left.

NO MASK: TEACHER BEATEN

For not carrying his respirator, a Nottingham elementary school-master has received corporal punishment from a pupil.

He had told his boys that it would mean the strap for anyone of them who left his gas mask at home.

A bright lad said, "Suppose you forget yours, sir?" The master replied: "Then you may select one from the school to punish me in the same manner."

On the following day the school-master arrived minus gas mask. True to his word, he agreed to the nomination of the biggest and strongest boy to administer the strap. It was laid on from the vantage point of a chair.

Not one boy has since forgotten his respirator.

HONOUR UNUSUAL

When the King presented awards to pilots at an R.A.F. fighter station recently he conferred one exceptional honour. On the breast of a Czech Squadron Leader he pinned the D.F.C.

Though a number of Czech and Polish pilots have been awarded the D.F.C. this is the first time that the King has made the award in person to one of them.

The Squadron Leader — or the Major, as he is always called — fought in the last war but is still young enough to have shot down a number of enemy machines in this one. He took part in the big air battle over London last autumn, and his squadron, whose leadership he shares with a British Officer, has destroyed nearly 40 German planes.

This Czech pilot speaks good English, and when he broadcast not long ago, he told how he and his fellow-pilots escaped after the German invasion of their homeland and joined the French Air Force.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY BILL PASSED

The "two-ocean" Navy Bill passed the U.S. Senate yesterday.

The measure, which now only awaits President Roosevelt's signature to become law, provides for naval expenditure of \$3,415,521,750. — Reuter.

Dog Thieves Find A New Market

DOG THIEVES are busy again in England after being quiet since the war began.

As there were no further opportunities of shipping valuable stolen dogs to the Continent, expert dog thieves had to divert their activities to other channels.

Now there is a growing demand in the home market for dogs.

Many of the 250,000 people who had their pets destroyed at the outbreak of the war, fearing that they would suffer under bombing, are now anxious to acquire new pets.

An official of a society for animals said:

Replacing Pets

"It is those owners who so hurriedly put their animals away, and are just as anxious now to replace them, who are unconsciously responsible for the present situation."

"We do not yet know how the new gangs are operating, but it is possible that the old hands are once more at work, this time for home sale."

"Dog thieves were very well organised before the war, and were a constant source of trouble to the police."

Their Haunts

"They did the job singly or in pairs, working with a car. Their favourite beats were Mayfair, Chelsea and Kennington Parks and open spaces provided good supplies."

"Each week hundreds of valuable dogs were shipped abroad. Only good specimens of popular breeds were taken."

"Apart from the precaution of having the owner's name and address on the collar, never let a dog out of sight when out with it."

LEFT PLANS IN CAR

When Percy Mayo Nash, a director of Warden Crescent, Luton, was fined £1 at the local court, for failing to immobilise his car, he admitted that it was left unattended and contained important documents and aeroplane parts.

The Chairman: You should have taken greater care if the stuff was as valuable as you say.

A P.C. said he found nothing had been done to immobilise the car. Nash's explanation was that he had an aviation expert to see him about a secret drawing and that the expert had a limited time before he had to catch a train.

Nash's defence was that the car was left only a few minutes during which it was under observation.

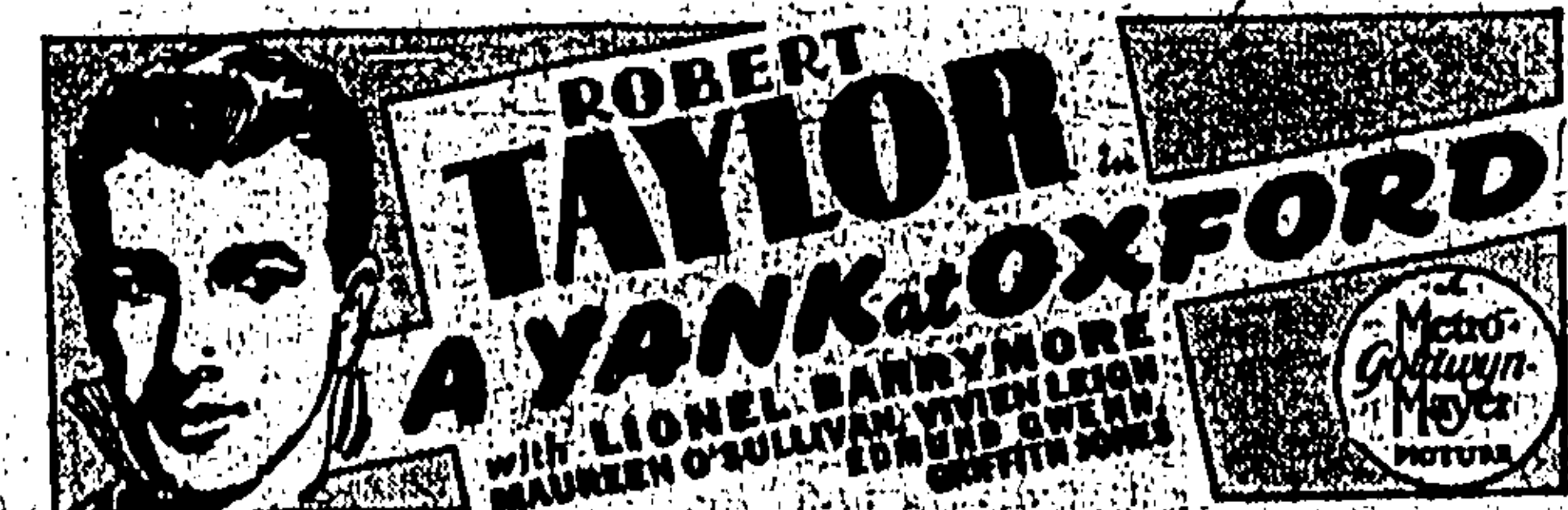
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

Mr. Clarence Gauss, new U.S. Ambassador to China, is expected to arrive in Shanghai on May 14 aboard the "President Garfield" en route to Chungking.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the retiring Ambassador and new Minister to Australia, is expected to leave Chungking on May 12 via Hong Kong. — Reuter.

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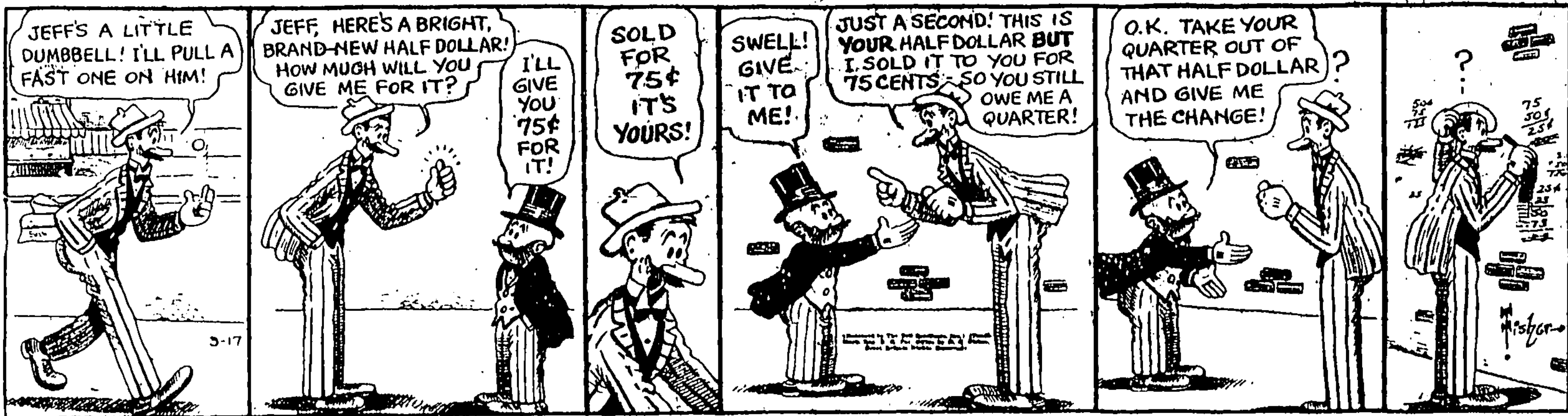
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TO-MORROW: "SPRING PARADE"

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



GERMANS GET ROUGHEST HANDLING OF THE WAR

"IN GREECE THE German army got the roughest handling it has yet received and got it from forces which were a fraction of its own strength," said Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, speaking at a luncheon of the Anglo-Batavian Society in London yesterday.

Sir Archibald wondered what Hitler was thinking about the change and chances of the struggle, saying: "I don't think Hitler likes to think about Greece and I doubt he gives a thought to the collapse of Mussolini's pinch-beck empire."

Referring to the savage German air attacks on Holland at the time of its invasion Sir Archibald said: "Since that time we in the cities and towns of this country have learnt the horror of war as the Germans wage it."

"AIR STRENGTH GROWS, AND IT IS BEGINNING TO

GROW FAST, AND WE WILL REPAY THEM."

The Air Minister pointed out that Hitler is a realist and dominating his thoughts must be such factors as the growing weight of R.A.F. attacks and the swelling reinforcements from the people of the United States.—Reuter.

REAL PLUCKY 'UN PRAISED

(By A Special Correspondent.)

Blacky carried on a London A.F.S. girl with no medals, but with a record of heroism that makes others proud to serve by her side.

"She's real plucky 'un," say her firemen colleagues. "If any one deserves a medal, she does. I don't know what we'd do without her."

Blacky is Mrs. Edith Lilian Smith, a widow and acting section officer of an A.F.S. sub-station.

When her station received a direct hit, she calmly wrote out an S.O.S. "Station hit by high-explosive. Telephone communication out of order. Station on fire." She sent this note by messenger to the local station.

Saved Child

Then, with the firemen out fighting other fires, she made her way through the dust and wreckage to a school shelter where a caretaker's child was trapped. Single-handed she tore at fallen bricks until she got the child out.

She returned to her control room and, though the adjoining room was a mass of flames, went through the blaze and saved the station's records book and Spitfire fund money.

For these acts of heroism she was commended in a letter from the Home Office.

Her station was hit a second time. She saved it by herself putting out several incendiary bombs.

"I don't remember how many there were," she told me when I met her. "It all happened so quickly when the men were again out fighting other fires." I asked her about the hit by high explosive.

"Oh, I just carried on," she said. "That's the only thing to do."

"Of course, it was a bit of a shock — the explosion, I mean — but I didn't get hurt. I think I was born lucky."

Apart from her adventures in the fire service, Blacky has been has been bombed out of two homes. She was out each time.

ITALIAN FLAG AT R.A.F. MESS

The Italian Garrison flag which formerly flew over Fort Capuzzo is now at R.A.F. Headquarters in the Western Desert where it hangs over the doorway of the Officers' Mess of a bomber squadron.

This Squadron had taken a leading part in the continuous bombing of the Fort.

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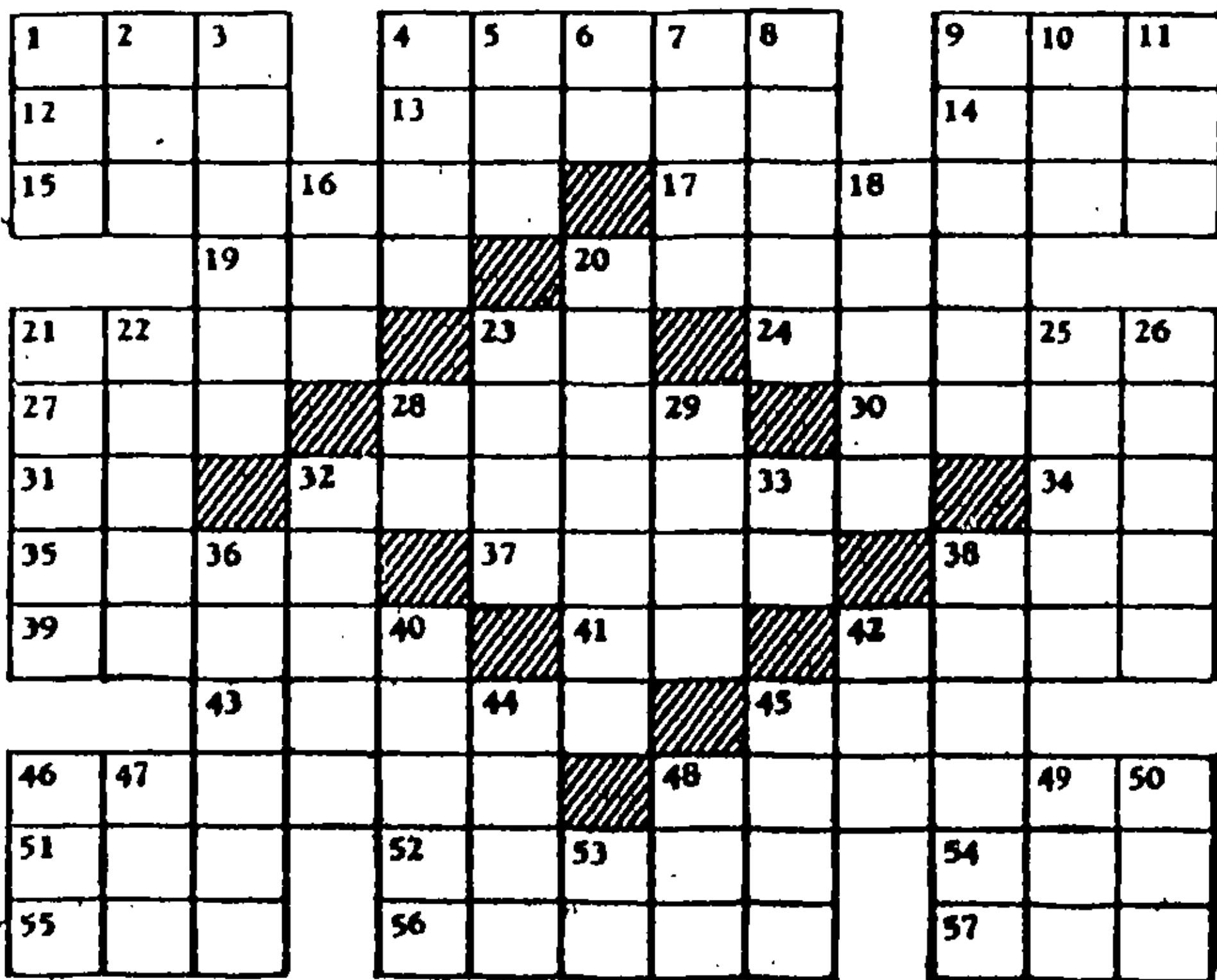
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- 9 To hit lightly
- 12 To consume
- 13 To direct
- 14 Period of time
- 15 To reach
- 17 Quarrelled
- 19 Conjunction
- 20 Fat
- 21 Diplomacy
- 23 By
- 24 Outbreaks
- 27 To request
- 28 Cry of sorrow
- 30 Ice crystals
- 31 3,1416
- 32 Outermost
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Biblical garden
- 37 Grampus
- 38 Insect
- 39 Tears
- 41 French conjunction
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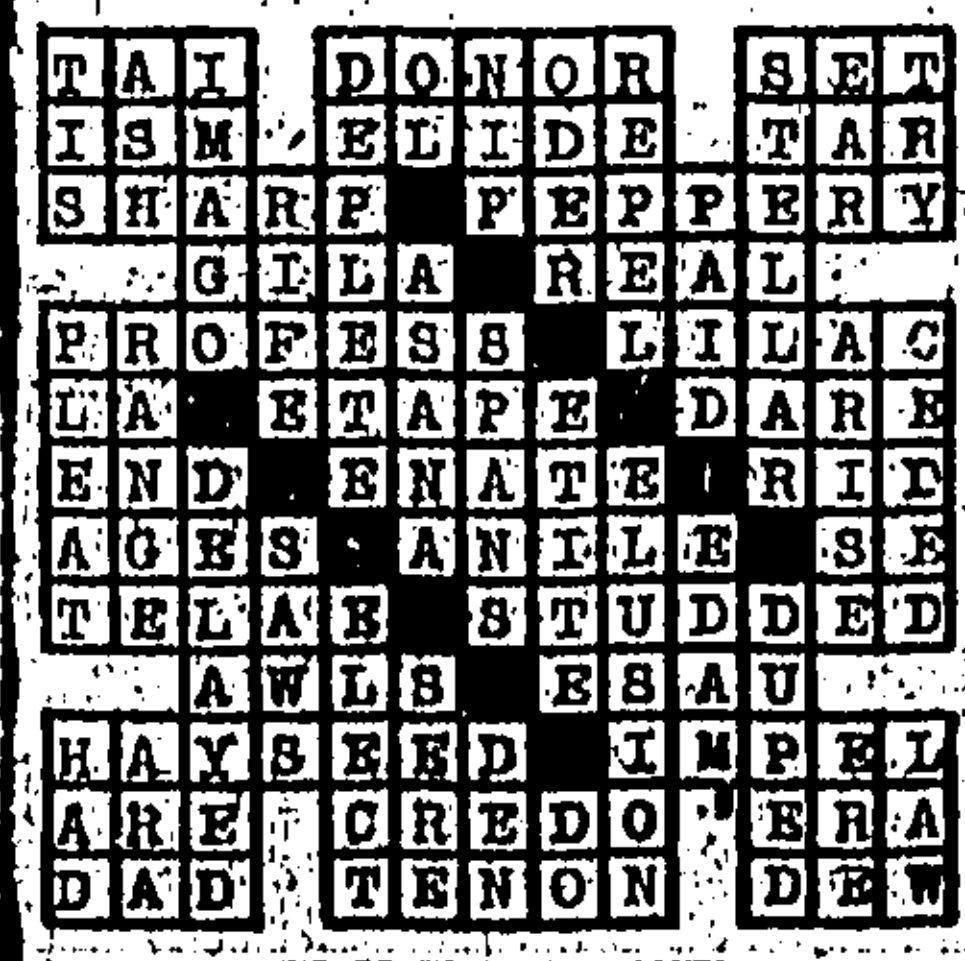
VERTICAL

- 1 Ocean
- 2 To stroke
- 3 To assault
- 4 Dry
- 5 Number
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Tidy
- 8 Blunder
- 9 Ancient

German

- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Cushion
- 16 Insect
- 16 Form
- 20 Was prominent
- 21 To come to a point
- 22 Apart
- 23 Singing voice
- 25 Drying cloth
- 26 Sugary
- 29 Chopping tool
- 29 Party
- 32 To grant
- 33 Colloquial: mother
- 36 To enclose
- 38 To scold
- 40 Weapon
- 42 Animal hair
- 44 Scandinavian literary work
- 45 Metropolis
- 46 Prefix: three
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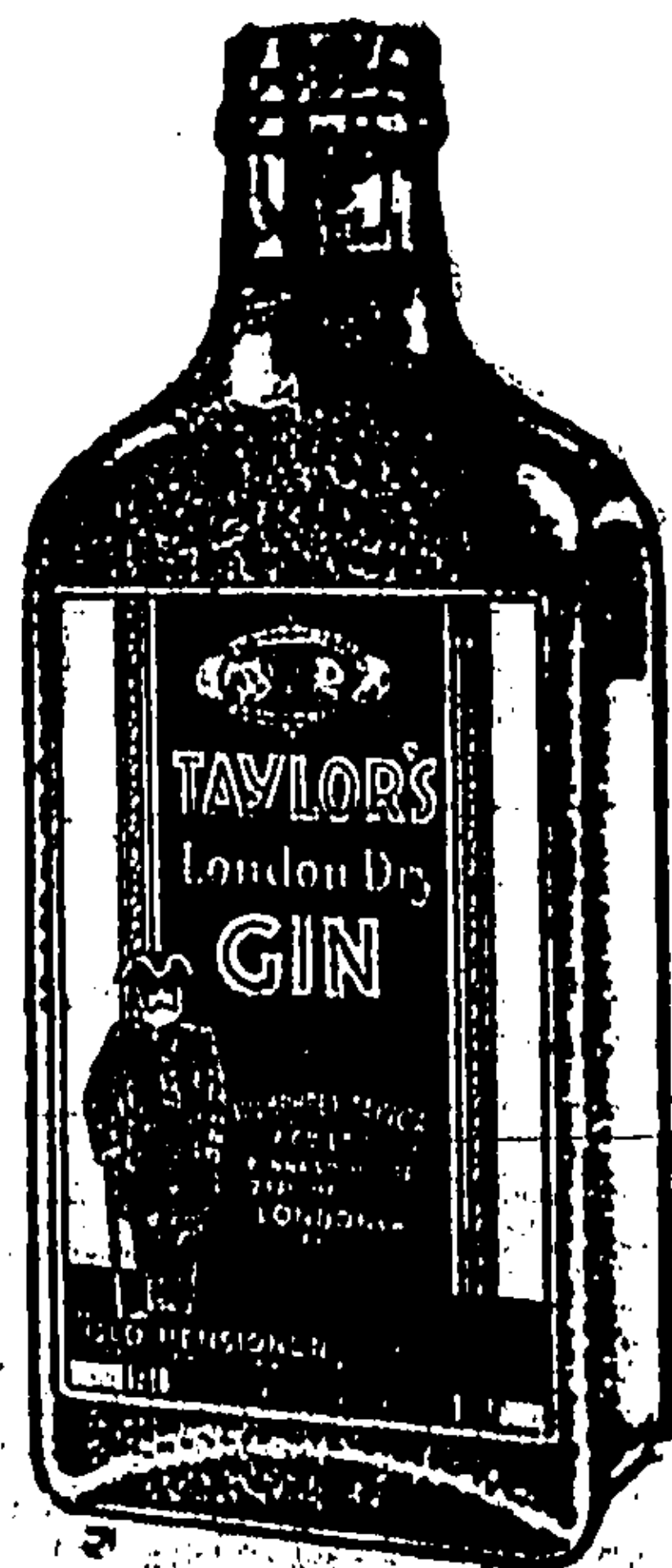
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U.S. DEFENCE OUTPUT: NEW RECORD

PRODUCTION OF American war material and construction of army cantonments and similar facilities is proceeding not only at a far faster rate than during the World War, but is also picking up speed rapidly at the moment, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told the Truman Senatorial Committee investigating national defence progress.

Secretary Stimson emphasised that the immense army programme had been thrown at the War Department with great suddenness and that the progress made to date would have been impossible had it not been for the careful and extensive advance preparation made by department and army officials over the preceding few years.

Mr. Stimson said in part: "The task of preparing our land forces for defence in the present emergency began in June, 1940, when the Battle of Flanders and the fall of France first aroused our people to their danger. Congress had made previous appropriations for aeroplanes and other equipment but the first immense emergency appropriations for raising and arming adequate defence forces was not made available until June, 1940. Between that date and October 8, 1940, Congress appropriated nearly \$7,000,000,000 further for the Army, over \$4,000,000,000 of which was not appropriated until September 9, 1940.

The time and size of these appropriations are strong evidence of the unexpectedness and seriousness of the danger which was suddenly revealed to the nation. The danger was not only unexpected but it was novel in its character. During the Great War the armies of Germany and the Allies were deadlocked on the western front for over four years.

When therefore in May, 1940, a German army suddenly burst upon the world, able to penetrate field fortifications, and which had developed for that purpose a technique in the use of aeroplanes and tanks hitherto unexpected by any of its opponents, the United States found itself suddenly faced with a problem of defence and training which was fundamentally different from what it had faced in the first World War.

Different in 1918

In 1917 we armed in comparative leisure behind the protection of the stabilised front in France and the complete control over the sea possessed by the Allied fleets.

France and Britain being instant we bought from them most of the heavy weapons with which we fought. True, we ourselves built these weapons, but generally speaking they were not ready for our use until after the war was over.

We also were able to limit the training of troops which was done in America to the training of Divisions only and even to send those Divisions across the Atlantic in a very imperfect state of training to complete that training after they got to France. The warfare being in trenches, our troops could be put into the trenches side by side with the veteran troops of our Allies and receive the remainder of their training in the face of the enemy.

Contrast with this the situation and the problems which have confronted us to-day.

We are obliged to create here in America large forces which which are fully trained to operate in a war of movement. The teams necessary for warfare must be complete and the men must be trained to the minute in all of the problems of team movements. This means the complete creation in America not only of Divisions but fully trained Corps and Armies with all of their specialised troops and weapons.

New Methods Of Defence

These forces must be armed and trained for a new kind of

warfare involving huge numbers of new and specialised weapons which are extremely complicated in character and slow to build, such as the modern aeroplanes and tanks and new forms of anti-tank and anti-aircraft artillery.

Every one of these weapons must be built in this country. No other nation has them for sale to us, but on the contrary many nations are trying to buy them from us.

Furthermore, our forces must be prepared for the possibilities of war in many and varied terrains, it being quite uncertain in what part of North or South or Central America, or even possibly other regions, it ultimately may be necessary to use them in the defence of this country and its possessions.

Domestic Obstacles

Uninformed critics often overlook the conditions which control the creation of a large Army in a democracy like ours. In time of peace we have never kept an Army in readiness for a great war. In this respect we have treated it quite differently from our Navy, which now is habitually kept in comparative readiness for the emergent defence of the nation.

Peacetime Shrinkage

In time of peace the Army is allowed to shrink to a minimum number of men and no attempt is made to keep in stock an adequate supply of the constantly changing and developing new weapons necessary to equip an adequate force. The most that can get done by our officers is to try to keep abreast of the methods of war and to create plans for the future expansion of the Army, and to develop and procure types of weapons with which it can be armed.

This, so far as it was possible, had been done before June, 1940. The General Staff had worked out on paper the plans for the organisation of a mobile force to be created within the continental United States ready for a war of movement. This force was to consist of four separate armies and nine army corps comprising both Regulars and National Guard, and aggregating over 1,000,000 men. But there actually were on the muster rolls on July 1, 1940, only about 350,000 Regulars, and about 225,000 Guardsmen. In order to reach the size of the forces contemplated for June 30 of this year, it was necessary to multiply these small existing forces nearly threefold.

Steps Had To Be Legalised

Not a further step could be taken without both substantive legislation and appropriations.

This final step only became accomplished in October, barely six months ago from the time I am now speaking. No contracts for munitions can be made until specifically authorised by the Congress.

The only method by which we could make sure of sufficient manpower to create the large forces which would be needed was by a compulsory service statute. And never in

our previous history had such a law been passed except in time of recognised war.

One of our primary lines of defence is the National Guard, which is composed of civilian soldiery under the primary jurisdiction of the 48 States. In the light of the requirements of mechanised warfare as revealed in the Battle of Flanders, it became obvious that the National Guard must receive at once a large amount of training beyond what it had ever received before.

May Be Long Emergency

To-day, not only are we facing a dangerous emergency but there is strong evidence that this emergency may be very prolonged and that we may have to continue our effort for a long time. To meet all these contingencies we are now planning a programme of training which will cover many successive military units and many successive instalments of men, and which in the aggregate may last for five years. Therefore we are giving the men to-day more adequate and comfortable housing and better facilities for hospitalisation, recreation, and education than existed in 1917.

In addition to this there have been substantial increases in labour and material costs.

This whole subject of the increase in the estimates has been recently treated by the report of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the conclusions of that Committee are worthy of the attention of this Committee as indicating a wise and temperate summary of this situation.

Initial Delays Overcome

What I wish now to emphasise and make clear is that the initial delays have already been substantially conquered and overcome; that these new and improved plans are resulting in the successful accomplishment of housing for our troops which will give them better care, better training, and better means of recreation and improvement than any American troops have ever received in the history of this country.

When the Armistice was signed in 1918, more than 18 months after the United States had entered the war, construction work in the United States had not yet been finished. One hundred seventy-two unfinished projects of various sorts were discontinued with the Armistice.

To-day only a little more than six months after our appropriations were passed in September, 147 new housing projects are either entirely completed or are very closely nearing completion.

Make Real Cities

Forty-two of these projects are veritable cities with populations running from a minimum of 10,000 to a maximum of over 60,000 inhabitants. Over 700,000 men are already in occupancy of their completed quarters.

I think I am speaking in measured language when I say that in no country in the world, including our own, has its military forces ever before been provided for in so brief a time and upon so adequate a scale for ministering to their necessities and comforts.

With the magnitude of the task and the speed and pressure under which it was performed, it is inevitable that some mistakes have been made; but when the work of this Committee is completed, I am confident that it will be found that the total of those mistakes will appear quite insignificant when set against the value of the time saved and the size of the task performed.

SHORT OF EQUIPMENT

"Does the Home Secretary know that many air-raid wardens are without helmets and respirators, and can he give an assurance that steps are being taken to make good these deficiencies without delay?" Mr. E. Thurtle (Soc., Shoreditch) will ask this question in Parliament.

CHINA MAIL

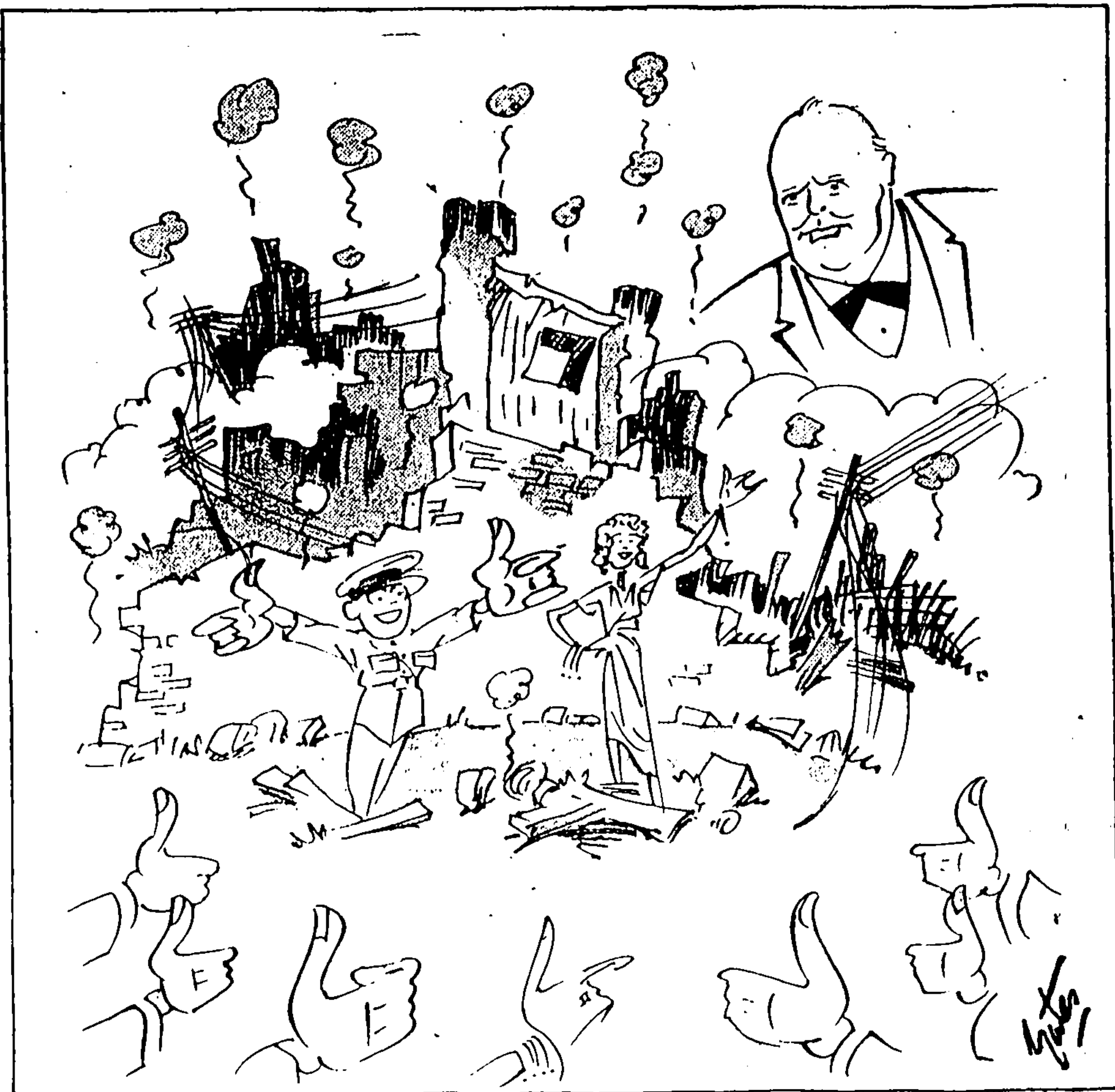
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EPIC OF GREECE

Sufficient has now been revealed of the Greek episode to lift the gloom, dismiss fears of catastrophe, and weigh the gains against the losses with a more assured sense of balance. Mr. Churchill, in his brilliant speech of Sunday, did much to shatter the John Gordons, to restore any lagging of British and American faith and to put the setback in its proper perspective. His disclosure in the House of Commons that 45,000 of 60,000 Anzac and British troops sent to Greece have been safely evacuated completes the job. Without vainglory and without losing sight of the painfulness of our losses, we can cheerfully echo the sentiments of the Prime Minister that "we have much to be thankful for and the Empire forces have much to be proud of."

Beyond a doubt, our losses are infinitesimal compared with those inflicted upon the Germans, while the evidence strongly suggests that the withdrawal was not necessitated by the inability of the Imperial forces to carry on as gloriously as they began in their sector, but by the heavy fateful decision forced upon the Greeks that their armies in the field, after months of heroic effort against tremendous odds, had reached a stage of exhaustion from which there could be no lasting recovery. In the circumstances, evacuation became inevitable, and the Imperial army, supported throughout by two or three divisions of stout-hearted Greek troops, fought their way back to the sea, always sufficiently in command of the situation to ensure the safety of the main body. Never was their thin rear-guard line broken; never did it falter.

If the cost has been great to Britain and to Greece, there is plentiful cause for satisfaction in any study of the corresponding cost to Hitler of his Balkans adventure. Enormous casualties, disrupted communications, closure for months of the Danube, and two hostile peoples to keep under, represent a totally disproportionate price for the strategic gain. Moreover, the Greeks are by no means vanquished. Greece won the first clearcut victory over aggression in this war. And though Hitler's mechanical men have clanked into Athens, the fight will still continue. Like Yugoslavia



PLYMOUTH, 1941.

Crucial Battle

By
Major George Fielding Eliot

The basic principles of war remain the same: concentration, offensive action, security. Success in war is still dependent on the development of offensive action from a secure base against a well chosen objective. Sometimes, in the flurry of new catch-phrases and new weapons, we tend to forget these facts, as true to-day as they were when the first cavemen clashed with club and stone.

When, therefore, we find ourselves with military problems to solve, we should try to solve them in the light of these principles. Specifically, as we contemplate the necessity for the United States to undertake naval and air operations in the Atlantic Ocean for the protection of vital communications with Great Britain, we must realise that once we have taken this decision, the North Atlantic becomes a major theatre of offensive operations, in which we must concentrate such forces as may be necessary to accomplish our objective.

We may be quite sure that every effort will be made by our opponents to prevent us from doing this. These efforts are likely to take two forms: threatening Japanese moves in the Far East, and threatening Axis moves in West Africa—coupled, of course, with widespread raids on shipping, perhaps on American shipping as well as Britain's.

We must be prepared against such counter-action. We ought to give thought, not only to concentration of offensive power in the main theatre, but to the security of lines of communication, strategic flanks, and interests in other parts of the world.

Atlantic Must Come First

In the Far East, the presence of the Fleet at Hawaii and the advance guard Asiatic Fleet at Manila gives so great a naval super-

she has staked her national life on the belief that Britain must win in the end, and she fights on from Crete, secure in the tradition of a people that has watched history through the ages write the epitaphs of all its conquerors.

riority that, with carefully arranged plans for joint defence with the British and Dutch, we ought to be able to deal with any attempt by the Japanese to extend their power in the region of the South China Sea. But if the Atlantic becomes our main offensive theatre, we must realise that its demands become primary; half measures are the inevitable prelude to defeat, and if cruisers, destroyers and aircraft carriers are needed in the Atlantic, we must send them there. We might thus have to cut down, for the time being, the striking power of our Pacific Fleet; which means that for the time being we might have to assume the defensive in the Pacific.

But this does not and must not mean the abandonment of the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies and Singapore to the Japanese. The effect of such abandonment might be tantamount to the loss of the war, for it might cut off Great Britain from sources of raw materials and foodstuffs which could not be replaced, and might produce a complete collapse of her Middle Eastern campaign, with the consequent release of German forces for concentration against Britain.

Consequently we should produce a defensive concentration in the Philippines of forces not so immediately useful in the Atlantic—troops, land-based planes of second-line types, submarines—and we should thoroughly co-ordinate our plans for the defence of the South China Sea with the British at Hong Kong and Malaya, and the Dutch. It should be possible to retain a sufficient naval force in the Pacific so that, in co-operation with British, Dutch and Australian forces, the Japanese would be faced with a greater risk than any reasonable Japanese officer would care to advise his government to assume. The great thing is to make it clear to the Japanese that we are not only prepared to fight any fresh aggression, but have the will to fight; that any "step by step" policy of small advances will meet immediate resistance, not after a long series of aggressions have given

the Japanese further priceless positions, but at the first sign of aggression.

West Africa A Problem Too

We have next a security problem to be dealt with in West Africa. The Germans are adept at making flank or enveloping attacks, at avoiding direct assault for the indirect method which strikes with strength against weakness, which diverts, weakens and undermines. If we engaged in North Atlantic operations, they would seek to divert us in the South Atlantic. For this purpose they would need bases, and these bases could only be located in some of the Atlantic islands, or on the west coast of Africa within reach of the German land-air power. They lack the mobility which command of the sea confers, and can use only such bases as they can reach and supply by land.

Our requirements, therefore, are (1) to strengthen, by supplies and other means, the British in their West African positions, and the Free French in Equatorial Africa as well as the Belgians in the Congo, so that there can be no chance of the Axis pushing into any of these areas; (2) to make certain that no other West African position becomes available to the Germans.

It does not seem impossible that some arrangement could be arrived at by which the United States, could enter into an agreement assuring the military safety of the Portuguese colonial empire, an arrangement similar to that already reached with regard to Greenland. Of course the Germans would threaten Portugal with direct attack, but Germany is hardly anxious for fresh military adventures at the time, and would be less so were we to be active in the North Atlantic. In any case, Germany will attack Portugal when it is to Germany's interest to do so, quite regardless of whether Portugal's previous attitude has or has not been "correct" in the Wilhelmsstrasse sense of that word. An arrangement of this sort with Portugal would give us positions not only in the Azores and Cape Verde Islands, but also in Portuguese Guinea, on Africa's western bulge.

These are all far-flung and rather startling considerations, or so they will seem to most Americans; yet they are a part of the picture of maritime security, and it is maritime security upon which the future of our people and of freedom in this world must be founded.

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It is a critical moment for Kitty Foyle, who has just become Mrs. Wyn Strafford the Sixth, in this scene from RKO Radio's picturisation of Christopher Morley's best-seller, "Kitty Foyle." Back from the runaway marriage to her socialite husband, she has now to face his family, one of the pillars of Main Line Philadelphia society. Shown are Gladys Cooper as Mrs. Strafford, Ginger Rogers as Kitty and Dennis Morgan as Wyn Strafford, showing to-day at the King's Theatre.

NAVY AVIATORS SMASH CONVOY RAID BY NAZIS

(From A War Correspondent)

ONCE AGAIN German bombers have failed to stop a British convoy taking supplies through the Mediterranean. Escorted by units of the Fleet, it went through, and 'planes, operating from an aircraft-carrier, shot down one Heinkel and severely battered a second.

I was on board a powerful battleship when enemy machines shadowing us were signalled. The aircraft-carrier was steaming majestically through white-crested waves close to our wake.

I saw the waiting fighters wheeled quickly to the flight-deck. A strong wind was blowing, but the pilots jumped into their 'planes, roared along the deck and took off smoothly, wheeling and soaring into a sky of mottled blue and grey.

Anti-aircraft guns, and other guns of another warship on the rim of the horizon, went into action. We could see the puffs of their shells as they exploded.

So could our pilots. They picked up the position of the enemy and made for them.

Within what seemed only a few minutes they were back on the flight deck again. They said they had met two Heinkels, catching them up before the Germans even knew they were there.

Sea-Level Fight

They chased them down to sea-level. The Nazis jettisoned their bombs as they tried to put on enough speed to escape our 'planes.

Hit by withering fire, one dived into the sea. The other was crippled. It was last seen crawling away, apparently in no condition to reach its base.

In addition to escorting the convoy the Fleet carried out a wide sweep of the Mediterranean. The Germans sent out a stronger formation of 'planes. They came sweeping through the gathering dusk over the array of battleships and destroyers spread out over miles of ocean.

But our warships were untouched, and they resumed their sweep, which in the words of one officer, "became so much like a peacetime cruise that I am sure many people would give large sums of money to enjoy it."

This sweep convinced me that Hitler's bombers cannot restrict the freedom of action of the Fleet in the Mediterranean. At times the sky seemed alive with aircraft — but they were mostly British bombers and fighters.

Not a single Italian 'plane was signalled. The only offensive enemy action in the Mediterranean is being carried out by the Nazis.

PLAYED CRICKET WITH DICKENS

George Remnant, who was the oldest ex-county cricketer in the country, has died at Harrow. He knew Charles Dickens, and taught Lord Harris how to play cricket. He was 95 years of age.

Mr. Remnant played for Kent in the 60's. When he was a youth Charles Dickens saw him play a brilliant innings for Kent Colts at Gravesend, and asked him to come and play for his village team at Higham, near Rochester. Remnant played there regularly in the field behind the novelist's home.

"GHOST" APPEARS AT U.S. CONGRESS

A young woman dressed in a painted skull mask and black robe rose in Congress during the British aid debate and threw it into confusion.

Appearing like a ghost in the public gallery, she cried, "My Novena! My Novena!"

Congressmen shouted, "Throw it out!" "Scram!" and "This isn't a seance."

As the Sergeant-at-Arms rushed the "ghost" from the gallery, she snatched off the death-mask and revealed a pretty young face.

SOLDIER TO DIE FOR MURDER OF GIRL

Found guilty of murdering a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl, whose body was found in a blockhouse, a soldier aged twenty-eight was sentenced to death at Liverpool Assizes.

Before being sentenced, he said: "I still say I am an innocent man."

His mother collapsed in court and was carried out. The jury were out fifty-five minutes.

The accused man is Samuel Morgan, of Berkeley Drive, Seaford, Lancs. The girl, Mary Hagan, lived in Brookside Avenue, Waterloo, Lancs.

It was alleged by the prosecution that while on an errand on November 2, she was enticed or dragged into the blockhouse, violated and strangled. The case had lasted a week.

HER £100 TO HOSPITAL

An elderly woman walked into St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and left a cheque for £100. She had lost her husband and this was his "superannuation money."

"I've always been a working woman and I expect I shall have to work again," she added.

2-MILE VAIN FIGHT TO SAVE OBSERVER

A U.S. ARMY FIGHTING 'PLANE with its rudder knocked askew plummeted 12,000 feet to earth in a small Pampanga barrio near Clark Field, carrying with it an army private whose parachute had become entangled when he tried to bale out, says the "Manila Bulletin."

The private, Franklin R. Labante, 24, was killed.

The pilot, R. S. Sloan, battled for 11,000 feet to right the 'plane and free Labante. He finally took to his parachute at 400 feet from the ground and landed safely.

Both men were from the 2nd observation squadron, U. S. Army air corps, at Clark Field, Fort Stotsenburg. They had been up on manoeuvres. Sloan was leading a flight of three 'planes.

An official army release said the wing of one of the three 'planes hit Sloan's rudder, damaging it so that the 'plane went out of control.

Sloan called to Labante to bale out, and apparently Labante pulled the ripcord too quickly, fouling the parachute in the falling 'plane.

Labante's home town was Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Private advices from San Fernando said the 'plane burned when it crashed. Army advices did not confirm this. The 'plane was identified as an attackship, carrying only a pilot and observer. It was demolished.

The machine landed on the hacienda of Mrs. Africa Santos in barrio Mamatita, Malabacat, about 100 feet from the national highway. The hour was 10 a.m.

PLANS FOR DUCE'S DEFEAT

FREE ITALY COMMITTEE IN LONDON?

(By A London Reporter)

APPROACH IS to be made to the Foreign Office for special permits for leading anti-Fascist refugees, now resident in America and Canada, to come to Britain to organise a Free Italian National Committee.

This move is due to a little group of Italians, all of them ardent anti-Fascists, who are anxious to secure the help of their exiled compatriots in countering Fascist propaganda.

A similar organisation is now at work in New York. Chief figure is Count Sforza, the former Italian Foreign Minister, and others prominent in the American movement are Professor Salvemini and Professor Ascoli, both of whom are teaching in American universities.

Discussing the project Captain Callabiano, a former member of the Italian resistance movement, who was an ardent supporter of the Spanish Republicans in the civil war, pointed out that although Britain's allies had formed "shadow cabinets" in Britain nothing had so far been done to organise the many anti-Fascist exiles in Britain.

Would Be Heartened

"There are allies of Britain even in Italy," he said. "A large number of Italians would be prepared to take up arms against a Nazi invasion."

"They would be heartened by the knowledge that the great leaders of Italian freedom now forced to seek refuge outside their own country were organising resistance to the dictators in the land which is fighting them."

It is understood that the Foreign Office has intimated its willingness to receive a statement on the matter.

Lawyer Leader Fled After Munich

The Italian anti-Fascists have their headquarters in a house in South Kensington.

Leader of the group working among the 20,000 Italians in Britain is 42-year-old Carlo Petrone, who had a successful law practice in his native Italy until, after Munich, he became a voluntary refugee. He fled because he saw the eventual link-up with Germany in war against England.

Signor Petrone told me: "My colleagues and I are fighting to counter the effects of the spite of Italian propaganda which poured into Britain... especially to the Italian colony here... until Italy plunged into war."

WORK IN WET UNIFORMS

Mr. J. H. Martin (Soc., South-west) is to ask the Home Secretary if he is aware that the majority of auxiliaries in the London Fire Service have no second tunic; that the wearing of wet uniforms is causing an exceptionally high sickness rate; what steps it is proposed to take to remedy the deficiency; and by what date the second issue of tunics will be completed.

BY PONY TO THE SENATE

For the first time a member of the Eire Legislature drove to the meeting of the Senate in Dublin with a pony and trap. He used the pony because he had no petrol for his car.

Another senator, seeing him arrive, remarked: "One hundred miles to the gallon of water."

THE LAST POST

Owing to the lack of demand among troops the scheme organised by the British Legion last autumn for placing soldiers in correspondence with members of the public is to be ended, announces the War Office.

LEOPOLD A "NOBLE FIGURE"

Professor Charles Sarolea, the well-known Belgian scholar, stated that the British people were saved from the greatest disaster and humiliation of their history by the sacrifices of King Leopold and the Belgian Army.

He was speaking at a reception to a contingent of Belgian travellers who have been incorporated in the mine sweeping section of the British Navy, and are now undergoing training.

Three months ago, he said, Belgium was universally assumed by British public opinion to have failed her allies, and King Leopold was assumed to be a felon and a traitor.

Vile Conspiracy

Both the King and his people were under a cloud of suspicion, misrepresentation, hatred and contempt.

It was now generally realised that King Leopold was the victim of the vilest and most cowardly conspiracy of slander known to modern history.

To-day, King Leopold emerged as one of the noblest figures of war. In the near future it would be realised by every British student of the war that the epic of Dunkirk would simply have been impossible without the tragedy of Belgium.

KISSES FROM SAILORS BARRED

A SAILOR is not allowed to end his letters — not even those to his best girl — with a row of kisses. When lines of Xs appear at the foot of the page the censor just snips them off with his scissors.

The reason is that all signs and symbols are banned from letters. They are capable of being used as a code to evade censorship.

Even the standby of the inarticulate, S.W.A.L.K.—Sealed With a Loving Kiss— is viewed with suspicion. It might contain news of ship movements!

So nowadays love poets and novelists are in great demand in the Navy. Seamen are learning to tell their love in fine flowing phrases since they can no longer write a snappy "I'm fine and hope you're well," followed by rows of passionate X's to indicate devotion.

They Write Often

Sailors are prolific letter-writers. A battleship with a crew of 1,400 men writes at least 800 letters a day.

Sweethearts and wives cannot, of course, be told of ship's movements or of operations at sea.

One man set the censor a problem when the rule forbidding the kiss sign was issued. He wrote: "We are not allowed in future to use kiss signs — you know, those XXXXX."

HE HAD KILLED 2,339 BULLS

The well-known bull-fighter Rafael Guerra, considered by many to be one of the greatest bull-ring figures of all time, has died at Cordoba.

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B.B.C. EVEN CENSORS SWITCH-MEN

B.B.C. even censors the political views of its electricians, the National Council of Civil Liberties was told at its annual meeting.

"The technical staff are also put on the mat, not because the man who pulls the handle of a switchboard can disseminate his repulsive views through the switchboard, but they are equally victimised with the musicians and others."

Nobody could dispute, said Mr. Kidd, that the B.B.C., if not Government controlled, was subject to Government guidance, and its action, taken in conjunction with the suppression of the "Daily Worker" and "The Week."

POWDER PUT BOMB OUT

Heads of Liverpool civil defence services and of business firms saw an incendiary bomb extinguished by a fine greyish powder at Liverpool fire brigade headquarters.

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BRIDGE NOLES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

NO. 41

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime isn't easy to spot, so polish up your microscopes:

South, Dealer
East West vulnerable
K 8
10 9 8
K 10 6 4 2
K 9 2
9 6 2
A Q 5 4
2
Q 5
7 6 3
N
W E
S
J 10 7 4
7 3
J 9 8
Q J 8 5
A Q 5 3
K J 6
A 7 3
A 10 4

The bidding
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the four of hearts, dummy winning with the eight.

A low diamond was returned to South's Ace, and on the second round of diamonds

West was allowed to hold the trick with his Queen. West returned the nine of spades, hoping to get his partner in, but South gathered in ten tricks before giving up the lead.

And there's a nice juicy murder for you to play around with! We'll give you a hint: one of the defenders is the criminal. See if you can spot the crime before you read any more.

West is the criminal, and his crime took place at the second trick! He murdered the defence by holding on to the diamond Queen; he should have dropped it when South played the diamond Ace. After all, his Queen is useless unless his partner has the Jack of diamonds; and if his partner has the diamond Jack, West must drop the Queen so as to let East win the diamond trick. For if East wins the diamond trick, he can return a heart and allow West to take four heart tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

A Q J 8 5
K J 8 6
J
K 10 5
The bidding:
Maler You Jacoby Schenken
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ (7)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You have too much strength to pass, and the club raise is more informative than a rebid in spades. Your partner almost surely counts on you for a fairly strong five-card spade suit, so a spade rebid adds very little to your partner's impression of your hand.

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Question No. 705

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maler You Jacoby Schenken
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ 3♣ Pass 3NT
Dbl. (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

ORGANIST SUED BY WIFE

Among the 113 defended suits to come before the High Court this term is that of Mrs. Florence Guy Foort. She is seeking a divorce decree against Mr. Reginald Foort, the organist.

Plan To Split Our Fleet

HITLER, BAFFLED BY BRITAIN'S BRILLIANT SUCCESSES AGAINST HIS ITALIAN ALLY, IS MAKING STRONG EFFORTS TO BRING JAPAN INTO THE WAR. HE PLANS TO SYNCHRONISE A JAPANESE DIVERSION IN THE EAST WITH HIS EUROPEAN OFFENSIVE SO AS TO DISPERSE BRITISH STRENGTH AND THE AID WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS POURING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

He wants, in fact, to make Japan his dupe, just as the Italian people are.

Hitler is desperately in need of a diversion, and the entry of Japan would just suit him.

But, having landed the Japanese in trouble, he would not care how due the outcome for them, any more than he worries about the distress of Italy.

He believes that Japan, by action against the Dutch East Indies and Malaya and other distant territories would divert some of the British Navy while he himself made an onslaught nearer home.

U.S. Vigilant

But he has lost all hope of taking Britain by surprise, and it may be assumed that the United States are as vigilant as Britain.

The entry of Japan would at once engage the most active interest of America.

The collapse of Italy under the irresistible British attack in Africa; the hard blows of the Greeks in Albania; and a resistance in France on which he had not counted, force on Hitler the need to do something, and to do it quickly.

He is believed to be behind attempts to make a bargain with Russia, with the aim of securing Japan against a stab in the back if the Japanese came actively into the Nazi partnership.

There may be some Japanese opinion which favours linking Japan with Axis fortunes, though, after the Italian debacle, there must be far less confidence in Axis prowess.

It would be obvious to all coolly thinking people that Hitler was trying to involve Japan in a gambler's throw.

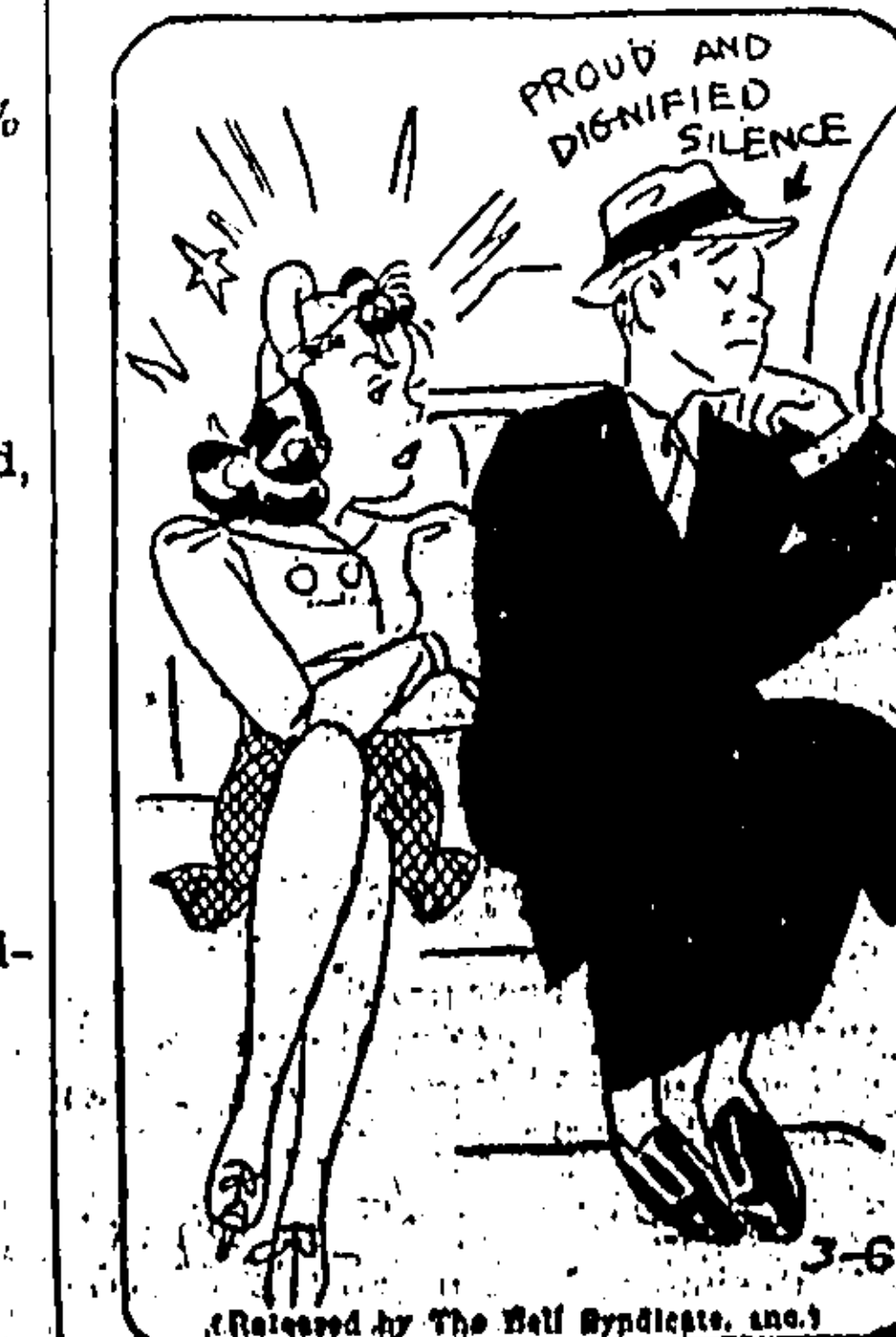
Britain and the United States maintain close touch on Far Eastern affairs, and no move would take them unawares.

Japan might be able to envisage a "quick results" war, but the strain of a prolonged struggle would be disastrous.

HAD £45, BUT STOLE 2S. 11D.

Arrested with over £45 in his pocket, Harold Biller, for 31 years a printer's packer with one firm, living at Sancroft Street, Lambeth, pleaded "Guilty" at Marlborough Street to stealing a pair of socks and a shaving stick, value 2s. 11d., from a store in Oxford Street.

In his defence, it was urged that his wife was seriously ill, and that since Christmas, when 57 people were killed by a bomb in a shelter in which he had taken refuge, he had been in a terrible state. He was bound over.



An over-sensitive man should be cast into the jungle — he's about as easy to get along with as the rest of the animals there.

MOTHERS ORPHANS OF THE WAR

Official "mother" to Britain's war orphans, Mrs. Jennie Adamson, M.P., is determined that those children who have the talent shall be given a first-class education.

To pay fees for this, she has made arrangements for grants from the King's Fund, which was formed after the last war.

Mrs. Adamson, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Pensions, by whom she was appointed "mother" to the war orphans, said in an exclusive interview that a large number of people from all over the world, particularly America, had sent money to prominent people in this country for the welfare of the war orphans.

The money has gone into the King's Fund, "But," said Mrs. Adamson, "this does not mean that the allowances of the foster parents will be cut down. It will be devoted to special educational purposes."

300 Family

In one case money had been used to buy an electric sewing machine so that an orphaned girl, who suffered from physical defects and could not use her legs, would be able to sew.

Mrs. Adamson said that already she had a family of 300. "They are the children of men who have either been killed serving with the Forces, or of civilians who have died as the result of enemy action," she said.

"I am determined to see that they get every chance, just as if they were my own children," said Mrs. Adamson, who is herself mother of two sons and two daughters, all married.



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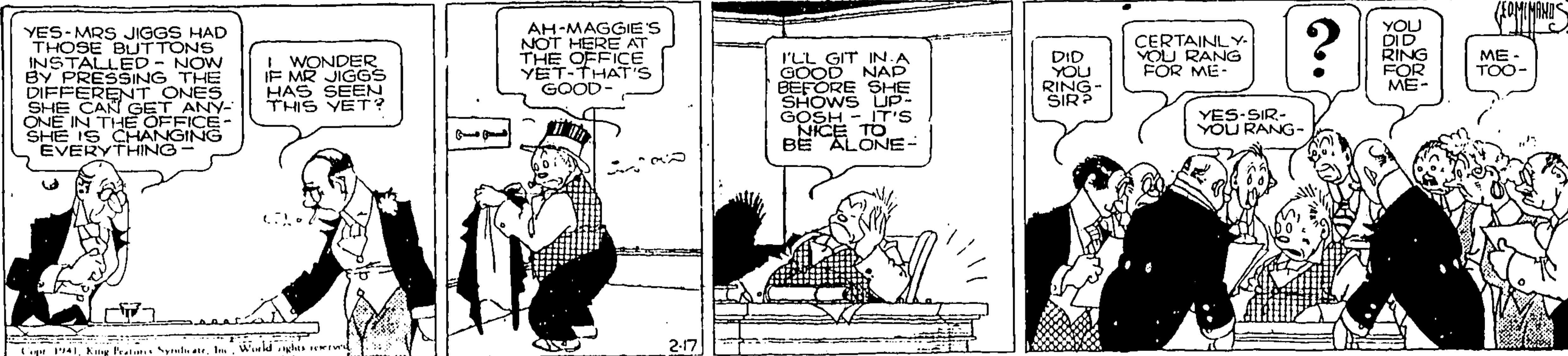
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12.30 p.m.—Light French Programme.
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Amuse de ma Blonde (traditional).
 Jean Soubert (vocal) with Orch.
 Fox-Trot Bell Ringer. One-Step
 Arabes Sedhal. Maurice Alexan-
 der (Accordeon). Tu ne sais pas
 jouer. Walz. La fille aux match-
 es. (both from film "Sola"). Dances
 (vocal) with Orchestra. Ebe Lissak.
 Marie Chate. Valse (Charly).
 L'Assemblée du Village. Valse
 (Vandant. Alexander). Alexander
 (accordeon) with his Orchestra and
 vocal refrain by Adrien Lamy. Le
 Lieutenant Souriant (Bataille &
 others). Le chant du marin (Vebel
 & van Puyss). Adrien Lamy (vocal)
 with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot Aim in Aim. Fox-
 Trot Foola Rush in Ambrose &
 his Orchestra. Tangos Chagrin
 d'Amour. Tango Chinois. Mario
 Meli & his Tango Orchestra. Fox-
 Trot Get Your Boots Laced. Papa
 Woody Herman & his Orchestra.
 Waltz Lovely Old Lady. Fox-Trot
 Never Took a Lesson in my Life.
 Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor
 House Dance Orchestra. Slow Fox-
 Trot I'll Never Smile Again.
 Victor Silvester & his Ballroom
 Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press and
 Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount
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 gatroyd and Jessica Dragonette.

Orchestra & Organ—In The Shadows
 (Finck). Valse Septembre (Godin).
 Anton and the Paramount Thea-
 tre Orchestra. Vocal Love. For-
 ever I Adore You (Miller & de Mi-
 cheli). In Your Arms Tonight
 (Lockton & Gehl). Ronald Mur-
 gatroyd (Tenor) with violin and
 piano. Orchestra & Organ. "Swing
 Teacher, Swing" Selection. "Sally,
 Irene & Mary" Selection. Anton
 & the Paramount Theatre Orch.
 Vocal—Through the Doorway of
 Dreams (Robin, Whitting). Jessi-
 ca Dragonette (Soprano) with Orch.
 Orchestra & Organ—"The Life of
 the Party"—Selection; "Lovely to
 Look at"—Selection. Anton & the
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2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

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6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
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6.32 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 45
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1st Mov. Allegro assai. 2nd Mov.
 Adagio. 3rd Mov. Menuetto. 4th
 Mov. Finale presto and adagio.
 Sir Henry Wood conducting the Lon-
 don Symphony Orchestra.

6.56 p.m.—A Haydn Song.

My Mother bids me bid my hand
 Ebe Suddaby (Soprano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
 of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—State Opera Orchestra with
 Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).

The Mastersingers of Nuremberg
 Overture (Wagner). State Opera
 Orchestra cond. by Leo Blech. O
 Charming Hour. The Dream
 ("Manon" Massenet). I still seem
 to hear ("The Pearl Fishers").
 Bizet. Beniamino Gigli (Tenor)
 with Orchestra. Le Prophete—
 Coronation March (Meyerbeer).
 State Opera Orchestra. La Donna
 E Mobile ("Rigoletto" Verdi). The
 Stars were shining ("Tosca" Puc-
 cini). Beniamino Gigli (Tenor)
 with Orchestra. Waltz ("Eugen
 Onegin" Tchaikowsky). State
 Opera Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.01 p.m.—A Request Programme.

It's a Haph-happy Day (film
 "Gulliver's Travels"). Arthur As-
 key (vocal) with Orchestra. Tango
 South of the Border. Jack Har-
 ris & his Orchestra. Donkey's
 Serenade (film "Firefly"). Gracie
 Fields (vocal) with Orchestra. Fox-
 Trot Love is Here to Stay. Love
 Walked In (both from film "The
 Golden Follies"). Jack Harris
 & his Orchestra. Wanting You (film
 "The New Moon"). Lawrence
 Tibbett (Baritone). Without a Song
 (film "The Prodigal"). Lawrence
 Tibbett (Baritone). Overture "Light
 Cavalry" (Suppe). The B.B.C.
 Symphony Orchestra. La Paloma
 (Yradier). Celestino Sabor (Barito-
 ne) with Orchestra. Merry Wives
 of Windsor—Overture (Nicolai).
 Sir Thomas Beecham conducting
 the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
 O Sole Mio. Enrico Caruso (Ten-
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 Sleeps. My Alice Fair (Foster).
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 (Foster). John McCormack (Ten-
 or). Ave Maria (Schubert). Dol
 Dauber & his Salon Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &
 News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Fred Stein (Piano) & Kenny
 Baker (Tenor).
 Maria Eggerth Film Melodies—Sele-
 ction. Fred Stein (Piano). You
 Walk By (Ben Raleigh—Bernie
 Wayne). Chapel in the Valley (Rene
 & others). Kenny Baker (Tenor).
 Jan Klepura Film Melodies. Fred
 Stein (Piano). Sing a Song of Har-
 vest (from "Kentucky Moonshine").
 Kenny Baker (Tenor). Fox-Trot
 I Am Playing Farewell to You.
 Waltz—I Have a Heart for Lovely
 Women. Fred Stein (Piano).

9.45 p.m.—The Hill Billies.
 In The Moonlight's Glow. Climbing
 Up the Golden Stairs. Carry me
 Back to Old Virginia. Granny's Old
 Old Arm Chair. Paradise Trail
 (Knighton & Crumb).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on
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10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Corre-
 spondence Column" by Sidney Hornli
 Bow.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
 Fox-Trots—You're the Moment of a
 Lifetime. Amato. Swing and
 Sway with Sammy Kaye. Rumba
 —Pa-Rah-Pah-Pah. Bolero—Loce
 Illusion. Xavier Cugat & his Wal-
 dor Astoria Orchestra. Fox-Trot—
 Sierra Sub. Slow Fox-Trot—Trade
 Winds. Sydney Lipton & his Gros-
 venor House Dance Orch. Swing
 Fox-Trot—Cotton Tail. Never No
 Lament. Duke Ellington & his
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 is Romance. Pyramid. Artie
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IN GAOL WITH HITLER

Hermann Kriebel, who marched at Hitler's side in the Munich beer cellar putsch in 1923 and later shared his fortress prison at Landsberg, has died. He was sixty-five.—Reuter.



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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

RECREIO "A" KEEP THEIR TEAM ALMOST INTACT

Craigengower Expected To Offer Stern Threat K.B.G.C. AND INDIANS AS STRONG AS EVER

By "Lead"

THE WEATHER, AT THE MOMENT OF WRITING, SEEMS TO HAVE SET IN, AS DEFINITELY AS IT EVER DOES IN THIS CLIMATE, FAIR AND WARMER AND THERE APPEARS TO BE EVERY LIKELIHOOD OF THE OPENING MATCHES IN THE BOWLS LEAGUE, WHICH STARTS TOMORROW, BEING PLAYED UNDER PERFECT CONDITIONS.

They have a pretty tough time of it these chappies who are responsible for the selection of teams. My experience of the average lawn bowler is that he is a far more touchy individual than most games players; and he is far more apt to have an exalted value of his own importance than most. I feel justified therefore, at the opening of this, another season, to quote the words of my very efficient predecessor, "Skip," penned at the beginning of last season: "The trouble with nearly all bowlers is that they think they are better than they really are! Then the human element comes in, the most important of all I would say, for how many times have we seen a comparatively unknown four, playing happily together, overcome a rink of stars which lacks cohesion?"

Note that you bowlers. If you think that you should have been a skip or a No. 3 rather than a No. 2, give the blokes selected all the support you can both on the rink and off it, don't let them feel that you are resentful towards them, and if all members of the

rink adopt that attitude, even if matches are not won they will certainly be enjoyable. With these words of wisdom I will proceed to the business in hand.

Good Policy

The champions, Recreio "A", are pursuing a very wise policy—never change a winning combination. Thus we find their team for to-morrow's match against Craigengower, identical with their combination of last year, with one exception, C. Roza Pereira, who played No. 3 to J. J. Basto in the "B" team, being brought into the side vice C. M. Silva, who will be playing lead for "J. J." Although Recreio can expect strong challenges from K.B.G.C. and Craigengower this season, I shall be surprised if the tried and seasoned combinations, which are each of the champions' rinks, do not carry the team through to their fifth success in five years.

Craigengower look to be somewhat stronger, although they have lost McNeill to K.B.G.C. The evergreen B. W. Bradbury is back

to the fold and will be skipping a rink with Alf Coates as his right-hand man, Joe Leonard leading and L. C. R. Souza No. 2.

U. M. Omar has a very powerful rink. A. M. Omar, who played as a No. 3 last season, will be No. 1, with K. M. Omar and Dick Basa—the latter skipped a rink last year and has returned from Manila just in time for the League opening the two and three respectively.

Charlie Rosset's rink looks to be an experimental one. Joe Landolt has been retained as third man, but Bill Way, who skipped a rink in Second Division, has been brought in as No. 2 and Y. A. Razack has also received well-merited promotion.

The Craigengower team looks well-balanced and should do well against their great rivals, Recreio "A", to-morrow.

K.B.G.C. Reinforced

K.B.G.C. "A" has been usefully reinforced this season. McNeill, coming in from Craigengower, and Randle from Civil Service, and although the composition of some of the rinks has been changed, Alf Hall, George Sherriff and Adam Holland are still the three skips Sykes, who met with most success in the last Club tournament, and is probably the most improved player, has been given a place in Sherriff's rink, in which he will lead.

The composition of the I.R.C. team is much the same as last season with Dallah, A. K. Minu and M. R. Abbas the skips. Minu retains his rink almost intact, while Dallah will this season have the services of A. O. Madar, who was unable to turn out regularly last season, as his No. 3.

Police will be without Jock Fender, who is on leave, but Wally Mair is back after a sojourn Down Under, when he played quite a bit of bowls. Ted Post, Mair and Jock Shepherd will be skipping and as all three have experienced No. 3's—Carey will be Post's right hand man—besides earlier numbers who are no duffers at the game, we may be certain that Police will do as well as they did last season.

C.S.C.C. Carry On

Kowloon Docks will be without Jock McKelvie but have most of their old players, while Civil Service, although they have been very badly hit by leaves, retirements and other such tiresome things, are making a great effort to carry on. MacGowan, who was No. 3 to Hollidge last season, will be skipping one of the rinks, while Harry Strange will be in charge of the latter. Only member of the Old Brigade still functioning as skip is M. N. Rakusen. Former members of the junior team who will be given a chance of playing senior bowls this season are, Dan Crawley, Charlie Strange and Jack Carr, while Tom Seddon is back in the ranks.

The K.C.C. team looks strange this season without Frank Goodwin and Ernie Kern and although they have a number of comparatively inexperienced players, they should do well enough if all shake down as they are expected to.

Teddy Fincher, the only old skip, seems to have a useful rink with Arthur Perry as lead and Smith and "Paul" Jack as his other front men, while Fraser, who, I hear, will be going on leave shortly, should receive good support from George Lee, Taylor and Ramsey. Tom Madar will make his debut as a skip with Norman Bebbings.

YOUNGHUSBAND'S STRONG KOWLOON F.C. LEAGUE RINK

By "Lead"

THUS EARLY IN THE PROCEEDINGS, IT SEEMS TO ME FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB, WHO WERE RUNNERS-UP TO K.B.G.C. LAST SEASON, ARE THE STRONGEST TEAM IN SECOND DIVISION.

They will sorely miss Bob Hall, who was Younghusband's No. 3 last year, but will have the services of Ernie Kern and Walter Naef, former K.C.C. players. I thought it would be fairly sure that Kern, who has been a First Division skip for some years, would be entrusted with a rink, but I have had word that there has been a last-minute change and Younghusband will continue as a skip with Kern his No. 3.

With Naef leading and Joe Eastman, who caused some upsets in the Open Singles last season, as his No. 2, Younghusband should have a rink capable of giving many a senior outfit a good game.

Field, no longer tied down by Naval duties, should be able to turn out regularly, while Simpson will be in charge of a useful-looking outfit.

Powerful Team

Recreio, although they did inexplicably badly last season, should be one of the chief challenges to K.F.C.'s supremacy, although O. P. Remedios remains the only old skip. Other rinks will be skipped by J. R. Soares and J. A. Remedios, the latter receiving deserving promotion from an erstwhile No. 2 berth.

Taikoo, always a strong team, will not be engaged in the League to-morrow and I understand that they will be a much different team to last year's. Chambers, is the only old skip, and Melrose and Watson, both No. 3's last season, are likely to take over the other two rinks.

Craigengower will be without Way (promoted) and Ernie Zimmerman, who does not intend to play very much this year, but Lock and Randall are still available, with Medina to skip the other rink. Lock's rink looks particularly good as Gaddi is an excellent lead and Ladd has had any amount of experience as skip and No. 3. Lionel Lammert is a new recruit who will assist Medina and another notable member of the side is Ward—he did not play regularly last season—who should strengthen Randall's rink considerably.

ton as his right hand man, "Pop" Parsons as his two, and Bertie Guest, better-known as a hockey and tennis player and who only took up the game a few months ago, as his lead.

Some Changes

The two Bastos, "J.J." and "B.", will again be in charge of a couple of rinks of Recreio "B" with "Doc" Guterres guiding the fortunes of the other. Quite a number of changes have been made in the rinks themselves but, with the large number of young and improving players available, this is not surprising.

Last but not least we come to K.B.G.C. "B", Second Division champions last season. Veteran Bob Duncan and Guy both experienced men, should do quite as well in a better company, while Jock McKelvie, who played for the Docks last year and who is taking over one of these rinks, is no newcomer to First Division. Pope and Chessman, of last year's team are not available but otherwise the team is little changed, although the line-ups to some extent, have been altered.



I must say I like the look of the K.C.C. team. I notice that Vic Labrum, erstwhile senior, will be playing No. 3 to Tommy Carr, who will also have "Sonny" Capell, an accurate lead, and Tony Fabel.

Carr was one of the most successful skips in Second Division last year, and he is likely to be even more formidable with this team.

Meadows also has a useful four, with Tommy Hunter of the Police as No. 1 and Eric Curtis and Jimmie Jack. Steven, former Civil Service senior No. 3, will be in charge of the third rink.

Well-Balanced K. Tong

Kowloon Tong will be without Spary for their match against K.C.C. and Willie Howard will make his League debut—in a serious match that is—as a skip. Balance is the keynote of the team, as is apparent in the fact that Harry Gittins, for many years a skip, will be lead to Howard. A. Madar is the only newcomer of note and should prove a very useful acquisition. I gather that Hsu is not playing to-morrow as he has been unable to get in any practice.

Cricket Club will be without many of the old faces, notably Alec Mackenzie and Alec Pearce, but Frank Goodwin should strengthen them considerably.

I am sorry to say that I have been unable to secure any information regarding Prison Officers, who, Third Division champions last year, make their debut in higher company.

There should be a higher standard in Third Division but I cannot pretend to be in a position to comment on the teams until they have been in action.



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FAIRY AUK FAVOURED FOR MACAO MAIN EVENT

Big Dollar Sweep To Be Decided

By "Rapier"

Macao Jockey Club will hold their May meeting at the Areia Preta Race Course, Macao, on Sunday and the first bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m., the first race starting punctually at 3.00 p.m.

There are altogether five events on the programme, and it is expected that many racing enthusiasts from Hong Kong will make the trip. The s.s. "SAI ON" will leave Hong Kong on Sunday at 8.00 a.m. and will return from Macao on Monday at 3.00 a.m.

The principal race of the day will be "The Chairman's Cup," and a special \$1.00 Sweep has been organised in connection with this event.

RACE NO. 1. THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

The day's programme opens with a sprint event for "E" Class China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club. Piet Hein (Mr. Botelho), for winning the Chinshan Handicap (Six furlongs) at the last meeting, has again been allotted top-weight of 159 lb. and in view of that success, I believe it will win again.

Dow Jones (Mr. Pan) was a short head behind in the above race and, given a good start, may turn the tables. National Success (Mr. K. I. Ip), winner of the Szechuen Handicap (First section) over this distance, must also command attention.

However, I feel that the most dangerous contender here is Lancashire Chap (Mr. Chao). Its chances of winning are by no means negligible as the pony is quite fast in a sprint race.

Piet Hein is my selection, with Dow Jones second and National Success third.

RACE NO. 2. THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

Second section "E" Class China ponies at Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race, which is another sprint affair, and, in view of its second placing to King's Worthy in the Republic Handicap (Second section) over six furlongs, Hopeful Time, if taken out by a strong jockey, should have no difficulty in accounting for this race.

Mac's Adventure (Mr. Botelho), which won the Chinshan Handicap (Third section), will probably take second place, and National Anthem (Mr. S. W. Pan) should not find it too difficult to take the other minor place.

RACE NO. 3. THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

Another sprint race for the third section of "E" Class China ponies will fight out the issue here. Judging from the entries, Eagle is the best recommendation for a win here in view of its success in the Shekka Plate (Six furlongs) at the last meeting. It has been given top-weight of 158 lb., but as it will be ridden by Mr. W. N. Yeh, it will have an allowance of 5 lb.

The Mermaid (Mr. S. W. Pan), which was second in the above race, may not be able to win, but it should be near at the finish, while Cloudy Star (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), with only 141 lb. to carry on account of the 5 lb. allowance for a novice jockey, looks dangerous and an upset from this direction is possible.

My nominations are Eagle to win, with The Mermaid second and Cloudy Star third.

RACE NO. 4. THE NAM WAN HANDICAP—SIX FURLONGS

The entries in this race come from China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" Class, and it appears to me that Lovely Star (Mr. Botelho), winner of the Langnan Handicap (Five furlongs) in record time at the last meeting, should have no difficulty in carrying off the first prize. Next best pony is Portrush, winner of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second section) at the Valley during the Easter Meeting, which will be taken out by Mr. Chang while West Lake, if taken out by Mr. Chao, should also be in the picture.

My choice is Lovely Star to win, with Portrush second and West Lake third.



RACE NO. 5. THE CHAIRMAN'S CUP—ONE MILE

This, the last race of the day, is the main event and is a handicap for "Y" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club that have started at a race meeting during 1940.

On the result of this race, the big \$1.00 Sweep depends. Fairy Auk (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) won the Lung Chen Handicap (One mile) at the last meeting carrying 144 lb. on account of 5 lb. allowance, whereas if again taken out by this jockey on Sunday it will only be penalised by another 3 lb., which I think should not prevent it from winning again.

However, it should receive stern opposition from Fairy Ousel, the second pony in the above race, which will again be taken out by Mr. Botelho although carrying the same weight of 159 lb. Its chances of winning are not altogether out of the question as it was only a length behind in the previous race.

For third place Meadow Eve (Mr. Chao) and Hogmanay (Mr. Chang) should fight out the issue.

TAIL SEEN AS IMPORTANT IN HORSE RACING

Now I'm positive there's nothing new in racing.

Just when Ben Jones had sold me on the idea that long tails had something to do with it, Whirlaway was flattened out like Gus Dorazio, writes a correspondent from New York.

Now when Ben Jones tells you that long tails permit horses to protect themselves from something other than tantalising flies, a bloke is likely to listen.

After all, Whirlaway was the best and leading money-winning juvenile of 1940. The son of Blenheim II-Dust Whirl belongs to Warren Wright, the baking powder king who has some 40 odd nags quartered at Hialeah. Jones, the old Missouri farmer, brought Lawrin down in front in the Kentucky Derby.

Long Tail

No horse running at present has a tail as long as Whirlaway which until the aforementioned pancaking — by four-and-a-half lengths — was one of the winter book favourites for the Kentucky Derby.

Whirlaway's appendage measures five feet, has a golden colour and is as fine as silk. It has the care of a special groom, whose sole duty is to brush and wash the hair daily. The swipe is forbidden to swing a comb, lest some of the precious hair be pulled out.

Tail Means Plenty

"Many a race has been won because of a lengthy tail," said Ben Jones, before his noble animal ran into the Shadybrook Farm pair, Agricole and Cadmium, the other afternoon. "While running, the tail naturally comes on a level with the horse's back and, waving about, it prevents horses coming from behind from getting too close on either side and cutting down the horse in front. There would be less accidents on the track if tails were left as long as nature intended them to be."

Now I'm afraid that Trainer Jones, with all his experience, has running horses mixed with show horses. The show ring is the place for the curryscomb.

Despite Ben Jones' theory, the old school knows best.

The only part of a horse where length is advantageous is the nose, and he'd better have it up there at the wire, or else stick out his tongue.

GUEST GIVES PAGH A RUN FOR HIS MONEY

By "Adrem"

M. Pagh, the holder, and C. H. R. Oxlade entered the final of the Club singles championship on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday when they beat Capt. R. E. Guest and Lt. F. W. Carter respectively.

PATERSON RATED WORLD BEATER

In Jackie Paterson, tough little "south-paw" from Glasgow, Britain probably possesses the best flyweight in the world.

He definitely established himself as the best at his weight in Great Britain when he retained his British and Empire championships by beating Paddy Ryan, of Manchester, in eight rounds at Nottingham.

Americans have rated Paterson as the leading challenger for the vacant world title, but the Scot realises that before he can achieve his ambition of fighting for this, there is another and greater fight to be won.

"It's a bit idle thinking about the world title yet," he told Reuter after his victory over Ryan. "I have heard about the Americans' best flyweight, Little Dado, and I should very much like to meet him, but I am of military age, and in any case I have got another job on at the moment that takes all my time—helping to build ships."

A Brilliant Future

However, Paterson is young enough, he is not yet 21, to make up for lost time when the greatest battle of all time is over, and he can look forward to a brilliant future. Paterson is working in the shipyards, and riveting and welding seem to have sharpened his sense of timing and given him greater punching power.

Ryan, a private in the Army, went thirteen rounds with Paterson in Glasgow in September, 1939, when the latter won the British and Empire titles for the first time by knocking him out. But this latest contest never looked like going as far. Paterson, with his right arm and foot forward, had the initiative all the time, and was punching so much more crisply and so much the harder that there was never any doubt about the result long before the finish. The champion's terrific left swings brought out old cuts above Ryan's eyes, and in the sixth round Paterson, with a right to the chin, knocked Ryan right through the ropes and on to the floor.

Terrific Battering

Ryan, after gathering his senses, managed to climb back as the count reached nine, but for the next few minutes he took a terrific battering and only his will power and dogged determination kept him going. By the eighth round he had practically no defence at all, and his manager and chief showed the towel to the referee who intervened to save Ryan from a certain knock-out.

Paterson, since he has been champion, has improved both in punching power and toughness, and at the moment he stands supreme in his class. He has not much boxing ability yet—that will come later—but what he lacks in this he makes up for in the power of his punch.

More surprising, however, was Paterson's use of his right hand. For a man who stands as he does, "the wrong way round," this is usually a defensive weapon, but he used it as a straight punch to the jaw and troubled Ryan with it on innumerable occasions.

Paterson succeeds a great line of Scottish champions such as Johnny Hill, Elky Clark and Benny Lynch, but he is not yet within striking distance of the latter as a complete champion.—Reuter.

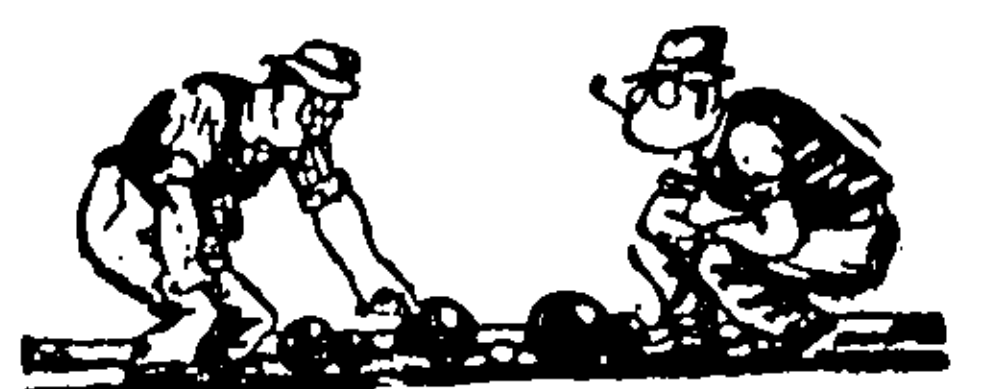
Pagh won 6-3, 6-4 and Oxlade's score was 6-3, 6-1.

Guest, on his display yesterday, would not have won a prize for fluency of stroke but he played a particularly thrustful game that gave Pagh some unhappy moments and which would probably have met with some success against a player less consistent.

In the first set Guest went away like a house on fire and, mixing his shots well and making good use of spin, he took a 3-0 lead and bid fair to break up Pagh's game. The champion, however, then settled down and swept the sidelines with powerful drives on both hands. Guest was not able to stand up to a long rally and Pagh reeled off six games in a row, after breaking through in the fourth game of the set in the face of fierce opposition from Guest.

Although Guest took four games in the second set, he did not play as well as he had been doing earlier. Pagh was very inconsistent with his serving and, having established his superiority, went for shots that I feel certain he would not have tried under different circumstances.

Pagh, in the course of the match, showed more confidence on the volley, and willingness to attack from the forecourt, than I have ever seen him display before. Oxlade beat Carter in a match of very low standard.



BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v Club de Recreio Away):—J. A. D. Morrison, P. S. Cassidy, L. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip).

R. R. Davies, E. Hopes, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

L. A. R. Duncan, G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell and F. Goodwin (Skip).

Third Division (v Club de Recreio Home):—P. Morrison, D. J. Valentine, E. S. Doughty and W. A. Cornell (Skip).

H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. R. Lambert, A. S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip).

J. C. Hajj, E. N. Ryan, J. B. Gilroy and A. McKellar (Skip).

T.D.R.C.

Friendly (v H.K. Electric Home):—E. E. Wilson, F. S. Thomson, J. J. Whyte and J. C. Chalmers (Skip).

F. J. Jeacock, H. Kew, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip).

W. G. McKie, D. Coull, C. Bovaird and J. A. Watson (Skip).

Reserves:—A. MacArthur, and L. Gibson.

K.F.C.

Second Division (v H.K.F.C. Home):—W. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (Skip).

N. Naef, A. L. Eastman, E. Kern and T. Youngusband (Skip).

A. Dand, C. Dowman, J. Ferguson and W. Simpson (Skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C. Away):—Cross, Thompson, MacIntyre and Ogden (Skip).

Williams, Frost, Abbas and Smalley (Skip).

Woodcock, S. C. Wong, Fuller and Evans (Skip).

Reserve:—W. Ogley.

C.C.C.

First Division (v Recreio "A"):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).

A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).

Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosset (Skip).

Second Division (v Prison Officers' Club):—L. Gaddi, W. E. Broadbridge, G. S. Ladd and T. L. Lock (Skip).

D. A. Rozario, A. E. S. Alves, L. E. Lammet and M. J. Medina (Skip).

S. B. Solina, H. G. Fortman, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).

Third Division (v Kowloon B.C.C.):—W. J. Curd, A. Kitchell, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip).

L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. X. Delgado and A. J. Coelho (Skip).

E. J. Todd, F. Lee, F. K. Modi and J. Pau (Skip).



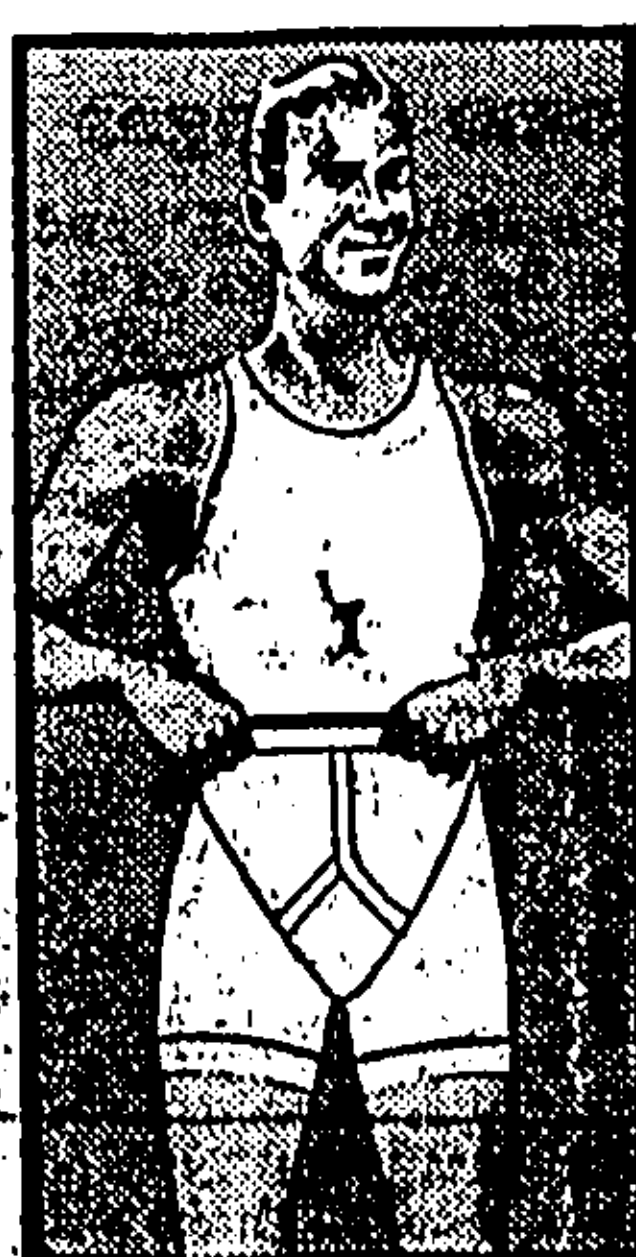
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COMICAL BOXING SITUATION IN U.S.

The mouse in the maze could be no more confused than the fistic fan who tries to figure out the screwy situation in American boxing, writes a Correspondent from New York.

Baseball has its Judge Landis. Tennis and golf have associations with national control. Other sports have regulatory boards.

But boxing has no universally recognised national body.

One organisation, the National Boxing Association, has jurisdiction over 22 states, but harmony doesn't always exist within its ranks. In the rest of the country where there is boxing, a group of independent state commissions with the New York Athletic Commission the most important, run the show and often thumb their noses at the other commissions and the NBA.

Three Champs

There are few nationally recognised rules, champions, or suspensions, only a batch of loose "working agreements" which are easily and often broken.

There are no less than three so-called world feather weight champions. There are two world middleweight rulers and an uncrowned champion who has decisions over both of them.

A boxing enthusiast, in Florida let's say, reads a New York dispatch that Ken Overlin has won the world middleweight championship by outpointing Coforno Garcia. A few days later, though, he encounters a Seattle bulletin which says that Tony Zale has won the middleweight championship by defeating Al Hostak.

No wonder he shakes his head dazedly, exclaims "what the hell!" and turns to a sport he can understand.

Let's consider the regulatory setups. Most states have boxing commissions and 22 of these are members of the National Boxing Association. They are Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Texas, Kansas, North Dakota, Minnesota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, New Jersey, Louisiana, Rhode Island, Indiana, Connecticut, Mississippi, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska and Montana.

The NBA also says it exercises jurisdiction over a number of city commissions in states where there are no central commissions and that its decisions are supported in several foreign lands.

Not Recognised

Several states, including Washington, Wyoming, Idaho and South Dakota, are not members of the N.B.A. but recognise its champions.

There are no state commissions and comparatively little boxing in New Mexico, Arizona, Florida, Oklahoma, Nevada, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Oregon, Ohio, Georgia, Iowa, New Hampshire and Tennessee.

Several of the major boxing states are not members of the NBA. These include California, Maryland, New York, Maine, Michigan, Delaware, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

These commissions give various reasons why they won't joint the says the state law requires that boxing be administered by the New York commission.

And so these states go merrily on their way, oftentimes oblivious of each other and the N.B.A., rating their own "world champions," doing their own suspending, and running boxing within their confines to suit themselves.

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MRS. DUROTHY ROUND LITTLE ON TURNING

MRS. LEIGH LITTLE, still Dorothy Round to lawn tennis fans, may join the professional ranks, news which, whatever else it does, must add interest to the game as now being played in the new world, states a message from London.

Mrs. Little is "over there"—in Canada—with her young son and while there is lawn tennis among the "stars" in America, it is difficult to imagine that the former Wimbledon champion will not cross the border and join in. At the moment that is pure speculation but it is easy to visualise the exciting games that would come about were Mrs. Little to join up with Miss Mary Hardwick, whose professional tussles of late have been frequent and Miss Alice Marble, the American winner of title at Wimbledon, before she crossed the line into professionalism.

Mrs. Little said that there was "quite a possibility" of her turning professional in the Summer



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

S. A. Rumbahn v Tsai Wan-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (4/6) v J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (15) (4).

BADMINTON RESULTS

Following are the results of yesterday's Badminton championship results. A full report of the matches will appear in the later editions.

MIXED SENIOR DOUBLES

Hooi and Miss Khoo beat Choy and Mrs. Castro, 15, 12, 15, 9.

MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLES

T. S. Yeung beat A. L. Fisher, 12, 15, 15, 9, 15, 12.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Hooi and Choy beat Choy and Loy, 15, 7, 15, 15, 18, 14.

DOG DIVIDEND OVERPAID

A totalisator clerk overpaid dividends to the extent £33/16/6 at the National Coursing Association's greyhound racing meeting at Wentworth Park recently, writes a correspondent from London.

In response to an appeal, one person returned the amount overpaid.

Vain Rose won the President's Stake and returned a dividend of £14/9 to each investor of who was favourite, returned 4/3. 5/. The second dog, Hunter Valley, through some misunderstanding, one of the clerks at the window where tickets on the second dog were paid out paid 33 tickets at £14/3.

An announcement over the amplifiers called attention the mistake, and asked those who had been overpaid to return the amounts, as the clerk would be compelled to make up the deficiency.

and followed with the thought that within the next few months, she hoped to arrange for coaching in either Montreal or Toronto.

Plans "Vague"

At the time of being interviewed she admitted that plans were "vague" because she had not settled on any particular club. My idea would be to give lessons three times a week, and that would make me a professional. One has to earn as much money as one can to support a person; then there are war charities and that sort of thing.

Mrs. Little is in Canada for the duration of the war and one can easily imagine that the desire to get back into big tennis is pulling hard. She has not been altogether idle as her participation in tournaments in the Dominion has brought more than one success, particularly in the Eastern Canada championships.

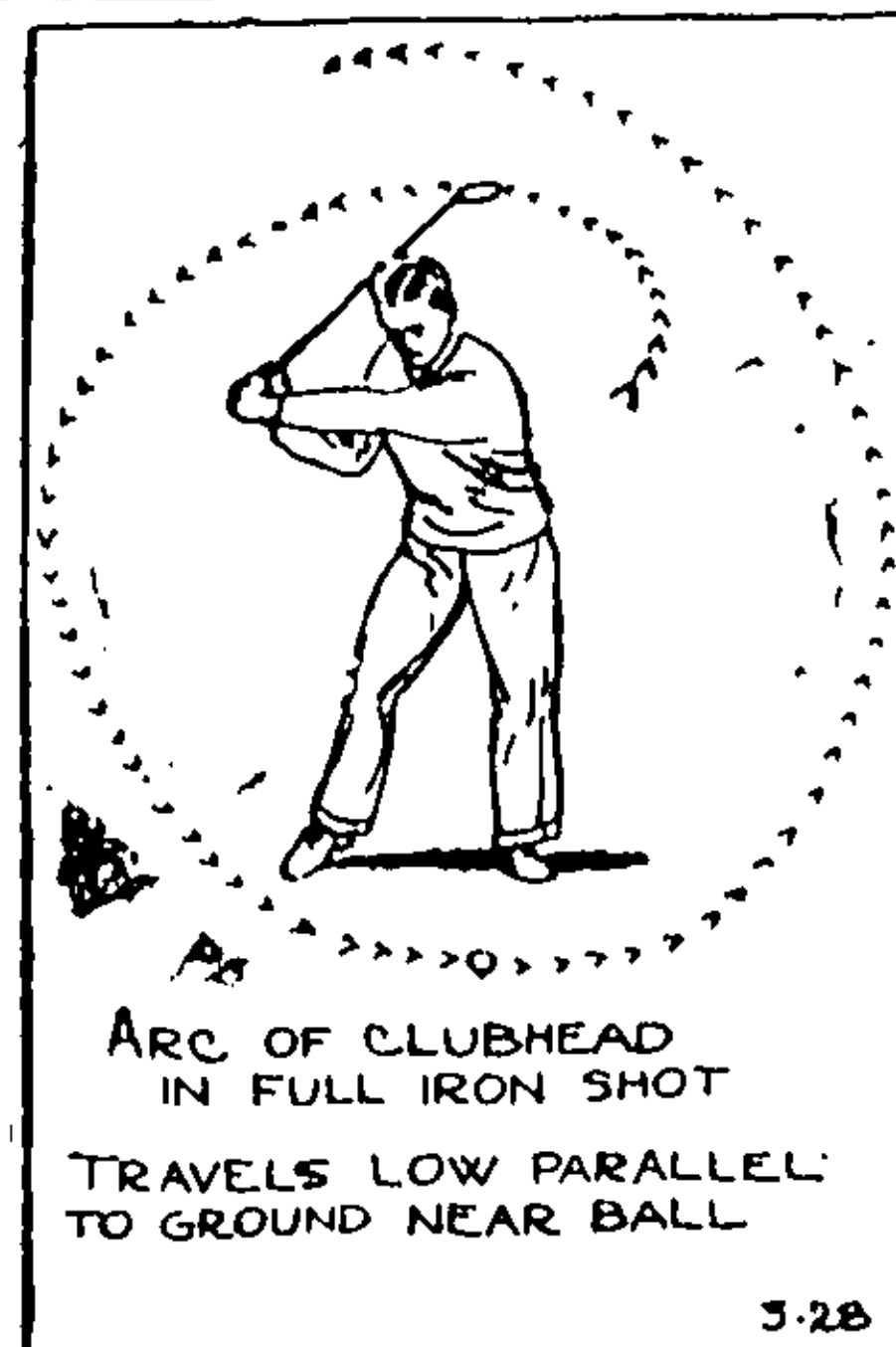
Mrs. Little had a lengthy reign at the top of the tennis tree but since her marriage has dropped from the picture. But not so far that she would not be an immediate success in a "come back," and the professional idea, remembering the interest which is being taken in the series of games between Miss Marble and Miss Hardwick, despite the many setbacks sustained by the English girl, appears to be a good one. One can almost see the headlines: Dorothy Round to meet Miss Alice Marble; Wimbledon champions meet—but that is looking into the future.

Not Successful

It is a long while since women's tennis had a professional of outstanding merit. The late Mlle. Lenglen, who went over to the paid ranks after being in a class of her own for so long, was the last. Now there appears likely to be a struggle for supremacy among several.

Prior to the war, efforts were made to put professional tennis over in a big way but they were not too successful. Who knows? activities in this connection, though taking place in a country thousands of miles from Britain's shores, may have repercussions which will see a tennis open championship, with amateurs and professionals combined, holding the same place in sport

GRAPHIC GOLF



ARC OF CLUBHEAD IN FULL IRON SHOT TRAVELS LOW PARALLEL TO GROUND NEAR BALL

Fath Of Stroke

By BEST BALL

The actual arc of Bobby Jones club head arc is illustrated above as revealed by the split second camera. Naturally it is pretty hard for the average player to visualise the path of his own stroke but following, as well as possible, such a pattern, as that shown above, will have a beneficial effect. Naturally everyone cannot make his backstroke so complete that the clubhead will reach the low point, below the horizontal, shown here but some effort can be made to maintain its width.

This means that the club must be pushed back with an extended left arm, and the greatest value of this method lies in the hitting area within eighteen inches of the ball. It is at this point in the down-swing that the clubhead should pursue a path close to the ground and parallel to it, so that contacting the ball in this area at any point, will result in a well hit shot.

Next Article: — Direction Change.

holding the same place in sport as does the golf "open."

There is always the danger of a sport losing its grip on the public if the same people are always engaged, as they were when the so termed "circuses" of professional tennis began. But the efforts of the ladies are helping to change this by bringing new faces into the fray.

QUIST SHOWED SURPRISE

Play in the patriotic exhibition tennis matches at Rushcutter Bay courts recently provided a contrast, writes a correspondent from Sydney.

Scintillating tennis marked the match in which J. Crawford beat D. Pails, but the other games were disappointing.

A. K. Quist was in excellent touch to lead J. E. Bromwich, 5-1, in their singles contest. At 5.2 on his own service, Quist went to 30-15.

In the next rally Bromwich hit a ball which cleared the baseline by about four inches. Quist made no attempt to return the shot, and showed surprise when the point was given against him. He lost the set 8-6, and the next set 6-4.

Quist did not play his customary game in the doubles in which his partner was Pails. Crawford and Bromwich won the first set 7-5, and the second with the loss of two games. Only the super stroke was beyond Crawford's ability, and Bromwich supported him soundly. Pails fought hard, but Quist seemed to lose interest.

Speed characterised the match between J. H. Crawford and D. Pails, which Crawford won. Crawford, who kept an excellent length, placing his shots with rare discernment, and using the wind with all his former judgment, was in control throughout the first. He kept his opponent on the run, and rarely gave him opportunity to come to the net.

Contesting each point stubbornly and attacking his opponent's backhand, Pails gained the upper hand to win the second set. When he had gained a 3-1 lead in the third set, Pails looked the winner, but Crawford made a gallant stand. He out-generalised his younger opponent, and won the deciding set amidst great applause. The ovation was well deserved.

RESULTS

J. H. Crawford beat D. Pails, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; J. E. Bromwich beat A. K. Quist, 8-6, 6-4; J. H. Crawford v A. K. Quist, postponed.
J. H. Crawford and J. E. Bromwich beat A. K. Quist and D. Pails, 7-5, 6-2.



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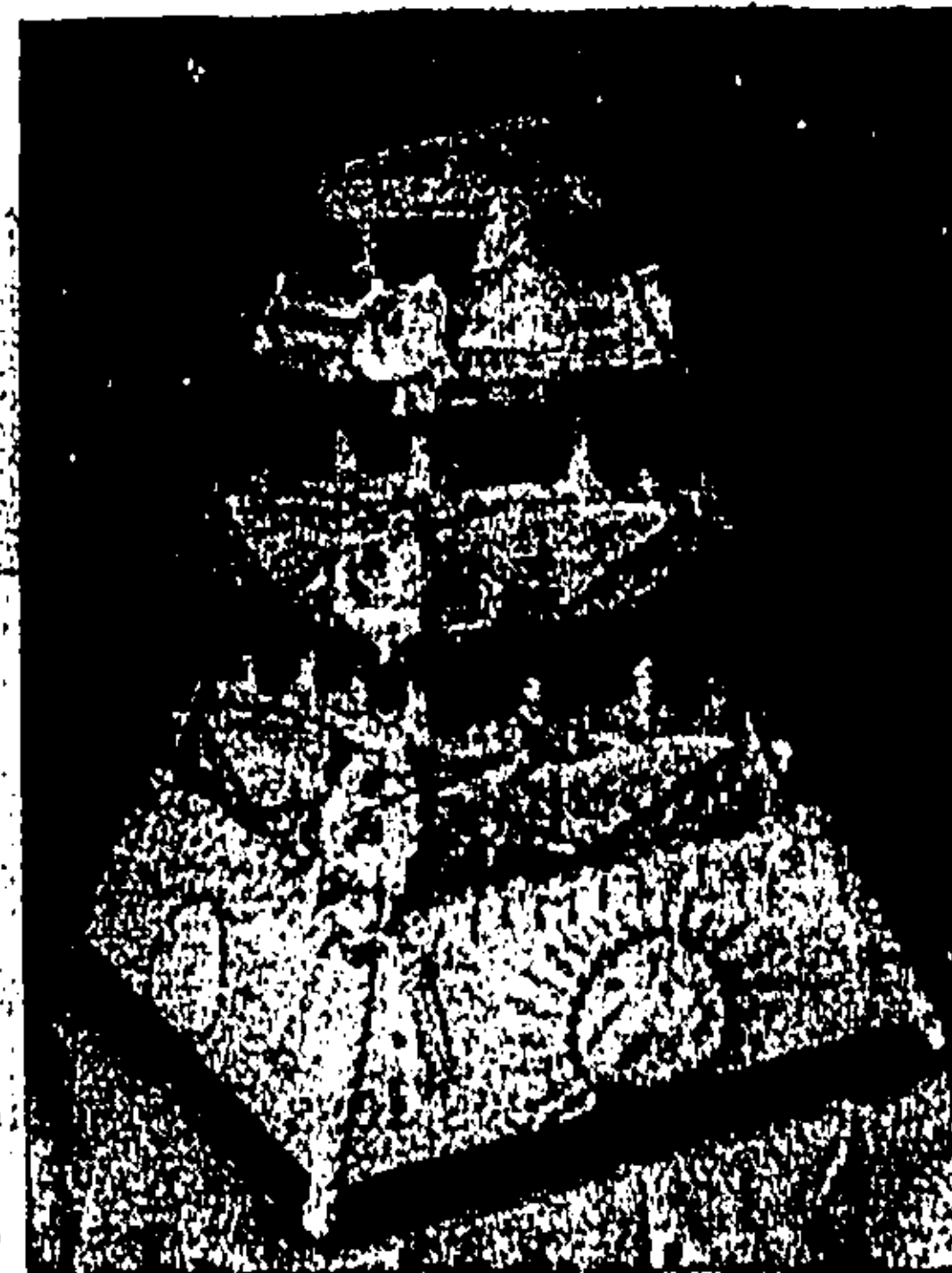
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SITUATION OUT OF HERR HITLER'S CONTROL

Dragged Along By His Own War Machine

AXIS RUSE IN EGYPT?

A prediction that the main attack by the Axis forces against Egypt will come from inland points, was made yesterday by Colonel Bratt, the Swedish military expert.

Writing in the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter," he says it is hardly conceivable that the enemy operations round Sollum represent a serious resumption of their offensive.

"They are more likely intended to hold the British there and elsewhere on the coast while air bases are organised and preparations made for an attack from the south."

COL. BRATT SAYS THE OUTCOME OF THE BALKANS CAMPAIGN WAS NEVER IN DOUBT ONCE IT WAS REALISED TURKEY WOULD NOT INTERVENE.—REUTER.

INDIAN TECHNICAL TRAINING

THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD'S TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRE AT KACHIGUDE, ONE OF NINE SELECTED BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO TURN OUT 2,000 MECHANICS A YEAR FOR THE INDIAN AIR FORCE, HAS SHOWN EXCELLENT RESULTS, SAYS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The scheme is working out as

Dr. Benes On Settlement After War

THE PRIME NECESSITY for a constructive settlement at the end of the present war, in order to avoid still another European war, was stressed by Dr. Edouard Benes, the Czech President, in an interview published in the Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland" in London yesterday.

Hitler, stated Dr. Benes, was no longer able to control events; the German dictator was driven or dragged along by his own war machine.

He must act but his acts cannot change his inevitable fate—defeat.

"The Germans must go back to the old borders—the borders before the invasion of Austria."

"I BELIEVE IN A LONG ARMISTICE OF TWO OR THREE YEARS, IN WHICH ALL WOULD BE REGULATED THAT AROSE FROM THE WAR SO AS TO MAKE FINAL PEACE CONSTRUCTIVE."

Dr. Benes declared the Sudetenland would again become part of Czechoslovakia but European, American and Russian aid was desired in organising a final settlement.—REUTER.

planned by the civil aviation department, and Hyderabad candidates, between the ages of 18 and 32, provide enthusiastic personnel.—REUTER.

PLYMOUTH TORNADO OF HATE

(Continued from Page 1)
this violent blitzkrieg I was emotionally uplifted.

Not A Tear

In this aperture of stark tragedy—in this smoke-ridden miasma—I have not seen a single tear. Instead these people smile—and already they are discussing among themselves how they shall repair their city.

They go to the blitzed Guildhall and there survey the lists of dead and missing; they shrug their shoulders and curse Hitler. So much for the breaking of morale!

There are some people here in Plymouth who are carrying bundles. While the man of the household will cart away some cherished household possessions the wife has in her arms the children.

Sleeping On The Moors

Some have had to take to the surrounding moors. They sleep there with insecurity, with the most meagre of covering, and in the day they return to Plymouth.

Notwithstanding their agony they board the buses of Plymouth in high good humour, and Hitler has not yet been able to destroy that singularly British institution—the queue.

EVEN IN THEIR SORROW THIS PEOPLE RETAIN THEIR SENSE OF SEMLINESS AND ORDERLINESS.

I doff my hat to the civil authorities of this amazing city. Notwithstanding Hitler's pounding there is food in plenty.

Prodigy Of Effort

It may be that a shop has no front or back or no wall but on the site, butcher, baker and candlestick maker continue to ply their trade.

The people of Plymouth have electric light, gas and water—a prodigy of effort on the part of those whose task it was to meet a situation of overwhelming ghastliness.

Plymouth presents a wonderful picture. There is no sign of strain on the faces of the people, who must necessarily continue their shopping.

Still Chic

Girls are still chic—the men still rustically spruce. But listen to the conversation of the girls.

"We are not afraid of parachutists. Let them touch the ground and we will deal with them."

These women, too, talk of how they gave succour to one another. "Your need is greater than mine," is the tenor of their backchat.

In summing up, should these women ever have an opportunity of obtaining a personal interview with Hitler, Heaven help him!—REUTER.

STOP PRESS

Malta had its third successive blitz on Wednesday night, during which heavy damage was caused to civilian property and there were some civilian casualties.

A Junkers 88 was shot down by gunfire.

According to the official communiqué the enemy came over in two waves. The first, mainly occupied in bombing, was greatly harassed and often turned away by the barrage.

The second wave dropped many bombs by the aid of flares.

There were no casualties at military or R.A.F. positions though heavy damage was done to property, including a church, hotel and cinema.

Some persons were killed and a number seriously injured.—REUTER.

Changes in the Churchill Government were announced in London last night.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, becomes Minister of State.

Col. Moore-Brabazon, Minister of Transport, becomes Minister of Air Production.

Mr. Lathers is appointed combined Minister of Shipping and Transport.

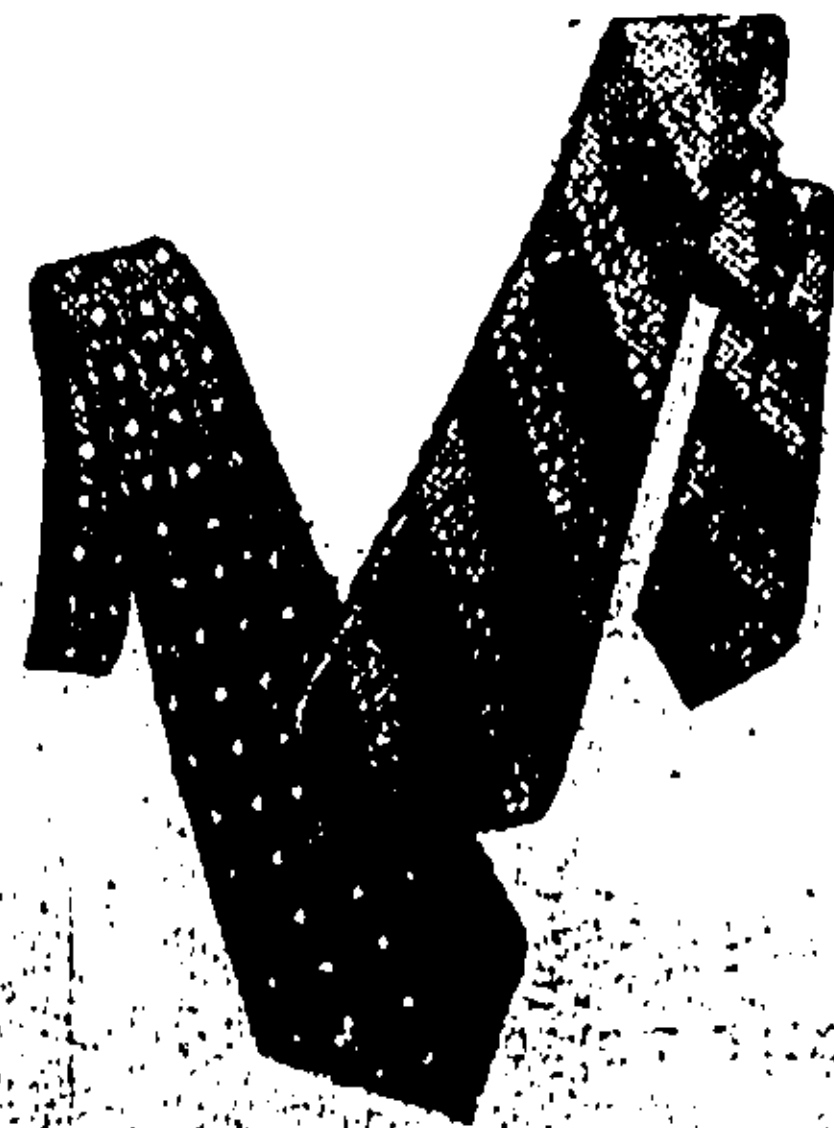
Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, goes to Australia as High Commissioner.—REUTER.

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FANTASTIC EFFECT OF NEW BOMBS

The "fantastic" destructive power of the R.A.F.'s new bombs is shown by reports from Emden, says the Air Ministry news service.

One bomb dropped recently near Emden post office turned the whole of that part of the town into a heap of ruins.

Two hundred houses were damaged, not counting those whose windows were broken. Seventy of these were completely destroyed.

Houses 500 yards from where the bomb fell had window frames, doors and parts of the roof blown away.

The news service adds: "Two bombs caused fires 200 to 300 yards high."—Reuter.

Complete Confusion

After the raid "complete confusion obtained and the usual shutting off of sections of damaged property could not be done."

"One was amazed at the great destruction caused by the bombs. A bomb which fell near the post office turned the whole of that quarter, with the exception of the post office, into a heap of ruins. One wing of the post office was smashed and the chief office badly damaged."—British Wireless.

NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF EL GAZALA

A successful bombardment of enemy troops and supplies in the El Gazala area of Libya by British naval units is reported by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, stated an Admiralty communication released in London yesterday, according to Reuter.

SLIGHT DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy activity over Britain during daylight yesterday was on a very small scale, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

Bombs were dropped at one point on the south coast, causing damage and a very small number of casualties. — Reuter.

Determination To Hit Back At Hitler

(By Reuter's Special Reporter at Plymouth)

THESE SOFT-SPOKEN WEST COUNTRY MEN AND WOMEN ARE JUST PLUMB-MAD WITH HITLER. MANY HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES, THEIR BUSINESSES AND RELATIVES BUT THIS IS NOT THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. THEY DO NOT MOURN — THEY DO NOT LAMENT — THEY JUST WANT TO HAVE A CRACK AT HITLER.

Reason for the massed raid on Plymouth was obviously to break morale. In blasting Plymouth, Hitler hoped to make the British squeal.

He has succeeded but that squeal was not a Hitlerian squeal and it has achieved a raging tornado of hate and a burning determination to hit back.

These people of the West Country are not as those of major cities. Their tempo is slower. They are church-goers. But this morning an old Plymouth lady of 90 blushed at her own language. Hitler had demolished her home and some lovely honey she had secured from the Venerable Abbot of Buckfast Abbey. Justifiably she was aggrieved.

A "Swine !"

I regret to say that this old lady called Hitler a "swine." In the next breath she dismissed her (Continued on Page 16)

U.S. FLEET STRIPPED FOR ACTION

"Our Fleet is ready and stripped for action," declared Admiral Adolphus Andrews, of the U.S. 3rd naval district, to the New York Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

"We must ensure the delivery of needed supplies for England. If that means convoys, then we must convoy, otherwise we may as well prepare for England's defeat."

"There can be no peace for us until the present chaos is eliminated. We must prepare now for any eventuality." — Reuter.

THREAT TO SINK U.S. WARSHIPS

All ships, including American warships, are liable to German attack within Germany's proclaimed war zones, is an official German declaration, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter" yesterday.

This applies, continues the declaration, irrespective of whether other powers acknowledge these war zones or not.

The newspaper's military correspondent says what while British land operations during April were "most depressing."

IT SEEMS THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AT PRESENT IN NO WAY CORRESPONDS WITH THE PROMISES MADE BY THE GERMANS IN THEIR ADVANCE PUBLICITY.

American patrolling of this front must be regarded as most significant and would seem likely shortly to become convoying in the opinion of this writer, who concludes "The consequences of this action remain to be seen." — Reuter.

calibre available as Prime Minister at this time," he added. — Reuter.

THREATENING MOVE BY IRAQI ARMY

REPORTS REACHING LONDON FROM BAGHDAD INDICATE THAT CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENCE OF IMPERIAL FORCES IN THAT AREA, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

It will be recalled that before the arrival of these troops in Basra, the Iraq administration concurred in the opening of lines of communication through the country, as provided in the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

When informed of the imminent arrival of further units, necessary to complete the strength of the Imperial forces, the Iraqi administration suddenly took the line that they could not agree to the arrival of further British troops before those already there had passed through.

The British Government could not agree to any derogation from their treaty rights, the movement proceeded as planned and the units concerned disembarked at Basra without incident.

Iraqi Army Move

Certain concentrations on the part of the Iraqi army have, however, now taken place, which might be regarded as a threat to the security of the British air base at Habbayah, on the Euphrates, some 80 miles to the west of Basra.

THE IRAQI ADMINISTRATION ARE BEING PRESSED TO REMOVE THEIR TROOPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO AS TO AVOID THE RISK OF ANY INCIDENT. — REUTER.

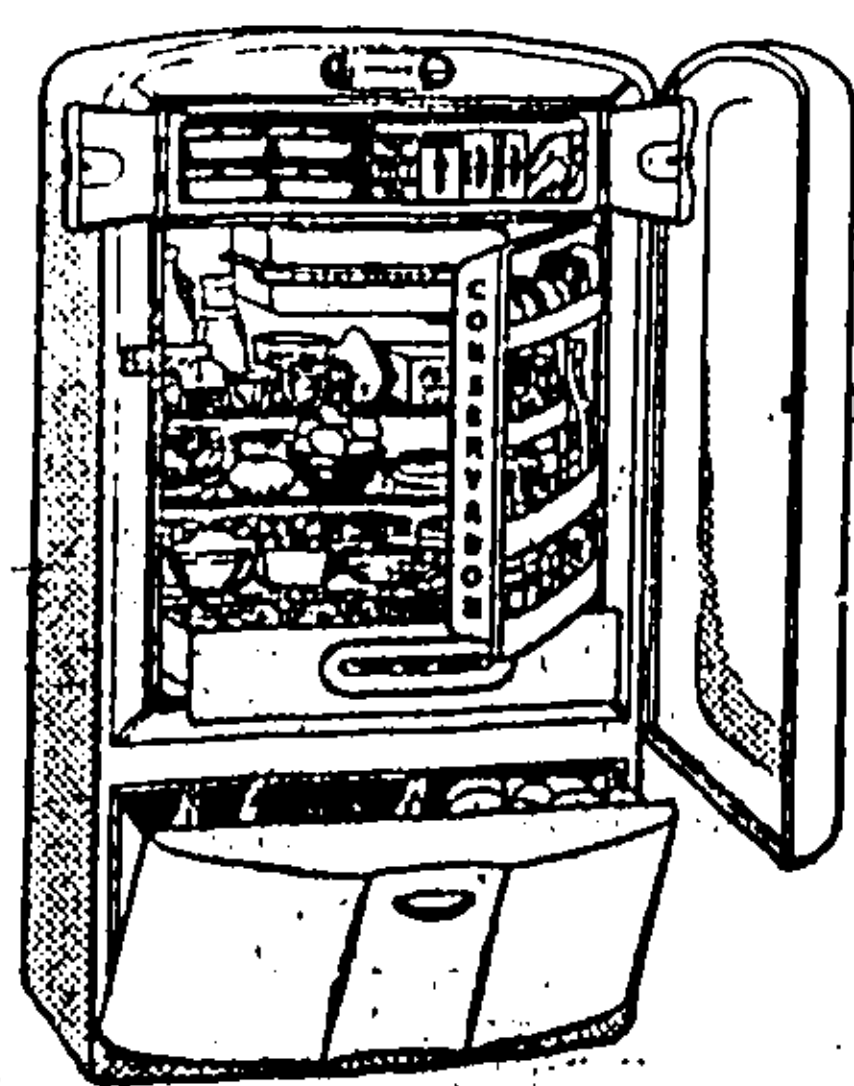
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AMERICAN AID FOR EXILED GOVERNMENTS

WHOLE-HEARTED United States support of the exiled Governments of Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium was emphasised in a striking speech by Mr. Anthony Drexel Biddle, U.S. Ambassador to these countries, at an English Speaking Union reception in London yesterday.

Mr. Biddle said: "My presence emphasises not only the tragedies of war but the determination of these Governments to maintain the freedom and independence of their nations."

COMRADES IN ARMS

British troops left the Greek mainland amidst moving demonstrations by the local inhabitants.

The cordial comradeship between the Greek Army and the Imperial forces during the battle was emphasised yesterday in Greek circles at Canea (Crete), and several examples of this brotherhood in arms were cited.

Despite intense German air bombing and the destruction of Greek towns the population had learnt well one of the chief lessons of the Battle of France.

It was stated they obeyed instructions, preserved complete self-control and avoided the obstruction of lines of communication.

The British evacuation was materially assisted by their behaviour. — Reuter.

THE CIVIL ESTIMATES

The total £534,298,535 Civil Estimates, announced by the Treasury, represents a net increase of £11,755,947 on the 1940 figures.

Actual increase of revenue department is £13,325,360 but there is a decrease of £1,569,413 in non-revenue civil estimates.

Provision is included in the estimates for a temporary staff employed as substitutes for men serving with the Forces or engaged on war work.

Largest increase is £13,870,000 under the head of supplementary pensions, due to the estimate being based on the passing of the Determination of Needs Bill. — British Wireless.

MOSCOW REPEATS ALLEGATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Columbia Broadcasting Corporation in New York yesterday heard Moscow radio reiterate in several different languages the report that German troops had arrived in Finland. The Moscow station made no comment. — International News Service.

"At the same time it enables my Government, which does not accept the doctrine that an occupying power acquires the right to enjoy the fruits of aggression, to give renewed evidence of its desire to maintain close contact with these Governments, besides being a sign of America's appreciation of the gallant way in which these Governments are conducting their activities on the soil of their ally, Britain."

After describing President Roosevelt's statement on Wednesday night as a clear and complete statement of policy, Mr. Biddle recalled that "America has her roots in a wholesome blend of the liberty-loving elements of all nations."

Stronghold Of Liberty

"Now Britain, this great English-speaking country, stronghold of liberty and courage, by according friendly hospitality to the gallant Governments and armed forces of her Allies, has made possible here a thorough melting-pot of solemn determination to keep this world a humane, liberal and decent place to live in."

Lord Willington, who recently headed a British goodwill mission to South America, introducing Mr. Biddle, paid a tribute to America and President Roosevelt's wholehearted support to Britain and her Allies in the struggle for freedom. — Reuter.

TWO NUNS KILLED ON LANTAU

Two Chinese nuns were killed when a gang of armed robbers fired a fusillade into a temple on Lantau Island last night.

The robbers reached the main entrance of the temple at 9 p.m. but were unable to enter since the door was heavily bolted from within.

The inmates refused to open and the robbers then discharged a fusillade into the temple with their rifles and revolvers, and two nuns were killed.

West Point Incident

Apparently with the object of committing suicide, a 61-year-old Chinese jumped from the roof of a two-story building in West Point yesterday and landed on an eight-year-old girl.

Both were removed to the Queen Mary Hospital, but are not in a serious condition.

INSURANCE DECREE

APPLIES ONLY TO JAPANESE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A further report received by marine underwriters in Shanghai clears up the situation surrounding news that London underwriters have ceased quoting rates for Hong Kong or Shanghai.

Actually the new measure applies only to Japanese steamers and vessels carrying cargo on Chungking account.

War risk quotations are not affected by the London ruling and local firms are continuing to follow rates quoted in London for this area. — International News Service.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA TACTICS

Rumours of intended British intervention in Spain and Portugal are devoid of foundation, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

They were put out by German propaganda agencies with the object of stirring up feeling against Britain among the Spanish and Portuguese peoples and of furthering German plans for penetration in the Iberian Peninsula.

It was the earnest hope of the British Government, Mr. Butler concluded, that these German plans would be frustrated and the Spaniards and Portuguese would be spared the miseries of war. — Reuter.

DOUGLAS BOMBERS IN A RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMERICAN-MADE DOUGLAS BOMBERS BLASTED GERMAN PORTS IN NORTHERN FRANCE, BUT FEW GERMAN RAIDERS APPEARED OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY.

A.A. defences were massed around shattered Plymouth, in the expectation of a third successive night raid, but the crews remained idle.

Douglas two-motored Havocs also attacked German planes which tried to cross the English coast. — International News Service.

NAVAL AID TO BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Col. Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, revealed yesterday that the U.S. will give Britain "quite a few mosquito torpedo-boats, as rapidly as they are built."

He added the Navy had no other combatant vessels to spare. "In fact we haven't been asked for any." — International News Service.

DANISH GIFT TO BRITAIN

Danes in British Malaya have sent £1,000 to the Minister of Aircraft Production to celebrate the anniversary of the German occupation of their country. — British Wireless.

MR. MATSUOKA SLIGHTLY INDISPOSED

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is slightly indisposed.

Consequently a conference between the Cabinet and defence chiefs, scheduled for yesterday, had to be postponed. — Reuter.

Fifty Oil Tankers To Aid

Fifty oil tankers are to be placed in special service to aid Britain within the next few days by the United States Maritime Commission.

All operators of American tankers of over 5,000 tons are being asked to help in this.

The tentative plan does not call for the transfer of tankers' registry but for their use outside the war for the direct benefit of Britain.

They will carry oil from South American countries to North Atlantic ports, where the oil will be trans-shipped to British vessels.

The move is regarded as the Commission's first response to the appeal President Roosevelt made on Wednesday for two million tons of merchant shipping to be used to supply "all out aid for the Democracies." — Reuter.

STRONG BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO GERMANY

BRITAIN HAS MADE strong representations to the German Government against reprisals taken against British war prisoners in Germany, although this is forbidden by the Prisoners of War Convention.

An official announcement in London yesterday stated news has reached the War Office that 500 British officer prisoners in Germany were moved to camps with inferior amenities on the grounds that conditions in an officer prisoners of war camp in Canada did not conform to the requirements of the Prisoners of War Convention.

The Canadian camp had, in fact, been favourably reported on by a delegate of the International Red Cross Committee, says the announcement.

Representatives of the protecting power and a delegate of the International Red Cross Committee reported that one camp to which the British had been transferred was overcrowded and in both camps hygienic conditions were unsatisfactory.

The overcrowding since had been relieved by the transfer of 150 officers to another camp, and orders were issued towards the end of March to carry out certain improvements in the camps after the Germans had received favourable reports on the Canadian camps from Switzerland.

The British representations were made through the protecting power. — Reuter.

TIN FOR SARDINES WITHHELD

Because no "satisfactory guarantee exists" that the tin will not find its way to Germany, supplies from America vital to Portugal's sardine industry are withheld under the export licensing restrictions.

The sardine season began yesterday but as many factories have only one week's supply of tin, this vital industry, valued at well over £2,000,000 annually, is threatened with ruin.

Britain is unable to supply tin but granted navicerts long ago.

The factory workers have already spent five months in virtual idleness and employers are facing bankruptcy as they are compelled to pay their regular staff three days a week whether they work or not. Casual workers receive nothing.

Fishermen regard the outlook as black, it was stated in Lisbon yesterday. The province of Algarve, most easterly in Portugal, has already spent the "winter in misery." — Reuter.

CHINESE GIRL AS QUEEN OF THE MAY

FOR THE FIRST TIME PROBABLY IN WEST OF ENGLAND HISTORY, A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHINESE GIRL, MURIEL WONG, WAS YESTERDAY CROWNED MAY QUEEN BY THE OVERWHELMING VOTE OF HER FELLOW-SCHOLARS.

Bedecked with flowers and attended by maids of honour, she was the centre of time-honoured ceremonies including songs and dances. — Reuter.

385 AXIS PLANES SHOT DOWN

FIGURES FOR ENEMY AND BRITISH AIR LOSSES DURING APRIL, AS ANNOUNCED IN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE, ARE:—

Over Britain—Axis losses 112, R.A.F. losses 3.
Over Germany—Axis losses 18; R.A.F. losses 106.
Middle-East—Axis losses 255, R.A.F. losses 61.

Altogether 87 of 112 enemy planes destroyed over Britain were shot down at night, of which 49 fell to night fighters, 35 to A.A. gunfire and three to unspecified means. — Reuter.

CONSIDERABLE CAPTURES AT DESSIE

Italian Collapse: Prepared For Strong Resistance

White Flag At Last Moment

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY DESCRIBES THE CAPTURE OF DESSIE AS A "CONSIDERABLE VICTORY," AS IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND GUNS CAPTURED THAT THE ITALIANS WERE DETERMINED TO MAKE A STRONG RESISTANCE.

The position at Komboltcha Pass, which was well dug and heavily wired, was covered by 28 guns, all of which were captured.

The position at Dessie was suited to all-round defence. It included 17 localities supported by seven forts and numerous strong points.

THE FINAL ATTACK TOOK PLACE WHEN MILITARY AND CIVIL OFFICERS APPROACHED FROM THE ENEMY LINES IN A WHITE-FLAGGED CAR AND AFTER SOME PARLEYING AGREED TO UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

After giving the total number of prisoners taken and guns captured the communique indicated that all the war material has not yet been assessed.

The evacuation of some civilians from Addis Ababa has begun, it was officially stated. — Reuter.

KING HANDLES TOMMY-GUN

THOUGH HE HAD NEVER BEFORE HANDLED A TOMMY-GUN, THE KING, DURING A VISIT TO THE SOUTHERN COMMAND YESTERDAY, FOUND THE "HEART" OF AN ENEMY SOLDIER SILHOUETTE TARGET WITH THE FIRST FOUR SHOTS FIRED FROM THE SHOULDER POSITION.

Lowering the gun to his waist the King again registered many hits on the target in a sequence of 17 shots.

The Queen applauded his good marksmanship. — Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful yesterday, dominated by gilt-edged which advanced usefully on a sustained investment demand in which Indian loans participated. Home rails also improved on fair support but apart from some buying of iron and steel shares, other sections were quiet. An advance in Iraq 4½ per cent from 84 to 88 was a feature of the foreign market which generally was firmly held. Wall Street was very subdued. — Reuter.

NEW COMMANDER OF U.S. MARINES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Arrivals in Shanghai by the "President Garfield," due on May 14, include Col. S. L. Howard, newly-appointed commander of the Fourth U.S. Marines, who relieves Col. Dewitt Peck. Col. Howard is making his first visit to China. He has had 27 years outstanding service in the Marine Corps. — International News Service.

FRANZ VON PAPEN RETURNING TO TURKEY

Franz von Papen, Nazi Ambassador to Turkey, will arrive in Istanbul by air tomorrow, according to the German radio.

He is at present in Germany. — Reuter.

SWEDEN REPEATS POLICY

Sweden has no secret political agreement with any country or government," declared the Prime Minister, M. Hansson, speaking at a Stockholm May Day demonstration yesterday.

M. Hansson added Sweden had no aggressive intentions and was free from any treaty of alliance. The nation simply wished to maintain friendly relations with other countries and peoples.

Swedish foreign policy, he added, was to safeguard Sweden's independence, internal and external liberty and to keep the country out of the war between the great powers. "This policy contains nothing equivocal," he stated. — Reuter.

DEBATE ON THE WAR

The debate on the progress of the war will occupy two days, it was stated in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Attlee added it was the desire of Government to give M.P.s the fullest opportunity of taking part in the debate. — British Wireless.

ANGER AT GREEK QUISLING

News that a Quisling regime has been set up by the Germans in Athens is greeted with a storm of indignation in the Crete press.

Profound regret is expressed that some Greeks have been found willing to play the Nazis' game.

This fake government is quite out of touch with the feelings of the Greek people, who fought so heroically against heavy odds, the newspapers declare.

By the wish of the entire nation the Greek National Government, now gathered round King George of the Hellenes in Crete, will continue the struggle to the end, it is emphasised. — Reuter.

TO CHUNGKING VIA IRAN

The Chinese consul-general in Vladivostok arrived at Quetta (India) yesterday by the overland route through Iran, en route to Chungking, where he will join the Foreign Office.

He proceeds to Calcutta and thence to Rangoon. — Reuter.

R.A.F. CARRY OUT BLITZ ATTACK IN THE DESERT

A PARTICULARLY severe attack was carried out in the Gambut area by a formation of R.A.F. fighters on Wednesday, says an R.A.F. communique issued yesterday.

At least 100 vehicles, 30 of which contained troops, were hit and damaged. Twenty of them burst into flames.

One R.A.F. fighter intercepted four Messerschmitts machine-gunning British troops near Sofat, and severely damaged two of the German fighters.

A Heinkel aircraft was also shot down near Gambut. Numerous flights were carried out by R.A.F. fighters protecting the final convoys in the evacuation of British troops from Greece.

Enemy aircraft raided Malta on Wednesday and Tuesday night causing some damage to R.A.F. property and inflicting a few casualties.

One Junkers bomber was damaged by A.A. fire and brought

down by R.A.F. fighters, another was shot down direct by A.A. fire and a number of others damaged.

Abyssinia Operations

On Wednesday and Tuesday R.A.F. and South African planes machine-gunned enemy motor transport near Assab and in the Selasclamanna area of Abyssinia. Considerable damage and casualties were caused.

An enemy camp north of Maji was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Three R.A.F. planes are missing from the above operations. — Reuter.

SUSTAINED SPEED OF DRIVE IN ABYSSINIA

ONE OF THE MOST outstanding factors in the victorious Abyssinian campaign, states a Nairobi message, was the sustained speed with which units advanced 1,800 miles in less than 60 days in the face of European troops.

All branches of the military machine showed superiority over the enemy, including motorised units, road makers, water suppliers, Army Service Corps and Engineers, who performed incredible feats across the Juba and Awash Rivers and over roads wrecked by demolitions, while gunners of the South African Air Force at Harrar and in Marda Pass have left Italian aircraft lying all over the country.

Peoples as well as units have shared the glory. The King's African Rifles started the advance towards Liboi and led the coastal sweep and took up the van after 2,600 miles progress over the Awash.

South Africans smashed resistance over the Juba and at Diredawa and lately led the victorious entry into Dessie.

Nigerians rushed Brawa and Mogadishu and without pause swept over the blistering plains and rugged mountains to take Jijiga and Harrar, while Gold Coasters broke Italian morale in

the Juba country after which they fought a brilliant engagement in inaccessible country. — British Wireless.

AIR RAID VICTIMS TOTAL 69,000

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Minister of Health reported yesterday that air raid casualties in Britain to the end of March amounted to nearly 29,000 killed and 40,000 injured. — International News Service.

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NIGHTSOIL COOLIE WOMEN DEMONSTRATE AT S. C. A.

THE SECRETARIAT for Chinese Affairs was besieged yesterday afternoon by hundreds of women, with babies strapped to their backs and other offspring trailing behind, all members of the Luen Yip Guild (the night-soil organisation).

The women and their children, headed by four delegates (also women), marched from the Guild headquarters at 2 p.m. carrying large banners on which were written "The petition of century-old night-soil workers" and "save our livelihood."

Traffic was temporarily dislocated and the emergency police unit was called out to prevent any disorder, which fortunately did not occur.

One woman fainted in the crowd and an ambulance had to be summoned to take her to the Queen Mary Hospital.

When the four women delegates proceeded to the first floor of the Secretariat to see Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the women and children in the streets below and in the corridors started to wail and cry.

Mr. North explained to the delegates why Government decided to take over control of night-soil removal and advised them to register with the Urban Council for employment.

The women then left.

NO MASK: TEACHER BEATEN

For not carrying his respirator, a Nottingham elementary school-master has received corporal punishment from a pupil. He had told his boys that it would mean the strap for anyone of them who left his gas mask at home.

A bright lad said: "Suppose you forget yours, sir?"

The master replied: "Then you may select one from the school to punish me in the same manner."

On the following day the school-master arrived minus gas mask. True to his word, he agreed to the nomination of the biggest and strongest boy to administer the strap. It was laid on from the vantage point of a chair.

Not one boy has since forgotten his respirator.

HONOUR UNUSUAL

When the King presented awards to pilots at an R.A.F. fighter station recently he conferred one exceptional honour. On the breast of a Czech Squadron Leader he pinned the D.F.C.

Though a number of Czech and Polish pilots have been awarded the D.F.C. this is the first time that the King has made the award in person to one of them.

The Squadron Leader — or the Major, as he is always called — fought in the last war but is still young enough to have shot down a number of enemy machines in this one. He took part in the big air battle over London last autumn, and his squadron, whose leadership he shares with a British Officer, has destroyed nearly 40 German planes.

This Czech pilot speaks good English, and when he broadcast not long ago, he told how he and his fellow-pilots escaped after the German invasion of their homeland and joined the French Air Force.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY BILL PASSED

The "two-ocean" Navy Bill passed the U.S. Senate yesterday.

The measure, which now only awaits President Roosevelt's signature to become law, provides for naval expenditure of \$3,415,521,750. — Reuter.

Dog Thieves Find A New Market

DOG THIEVES are busy again in England after being quiet since the war began.

As there were no further opportunities of shipping valuable stolen dogs to the Continent, expert dog thieves had to divert their activities to other channels.

Now there is a growing demand in the home market for dogs.

Many of the 250 000 people who had their pets destroyed at the outbreak of the war, fearing that they would suffer under bombing or now anxious to acquire new pets.

An official of a society for animals said:

Replacing Pets

"It is those owners who so hurriedly put their animals away, and are just as anxious now to replace them, who are unconsciously responsible for the present situation.

"We do not yet know how the new gangs are operating, but it is possible that the old hands are once more at work, this time for home sale.

"Dog thieves were very well organised before the war, and were a constant source of trouble to the police.

Their Haunts

"They did the job singly or in pairs, working with a car. Their favourite haunts were Mayfair, Chelsea and Kensington Parks and open spaces provided good supplies.

"Each week hundreds of valuable dogs were shipped abroad. Only good specimens of popular breeds were taken.

"Apart from the precaution of having the owner's name and address on the collar, never let a dog out of sight when out with it."

LEFT PLANS IN CAR

When Percy Mayo Nash, a director of Wardown Crescent, Luton, was fined £1 at the local court, for failing to immobilise his car, he admitted that it was left unattended and contained important documents and aeroplane parts.

The Chairman: You should have taken greater care if the stuff was as valuable as you say.

A P.C. said he found nothing had been done to immobilise the car. Nash's explanation was that he had an aviation expert to see him about a secret drawing and that the expert had a limited time before he had to catch a train.

Nash's defence was that the car was left only a few minutes during which it was under observation.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

Mr. Clarence Gauss, new U.S. Ambassador to China, is expected to arrive in Shanghai on May 14 aboard the "President Garfield" en route to Chungking.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the retiring Ambassador and new Minister to Australia, is expected to leave Chungking on May 12 via Hong Kong. — Reuter.

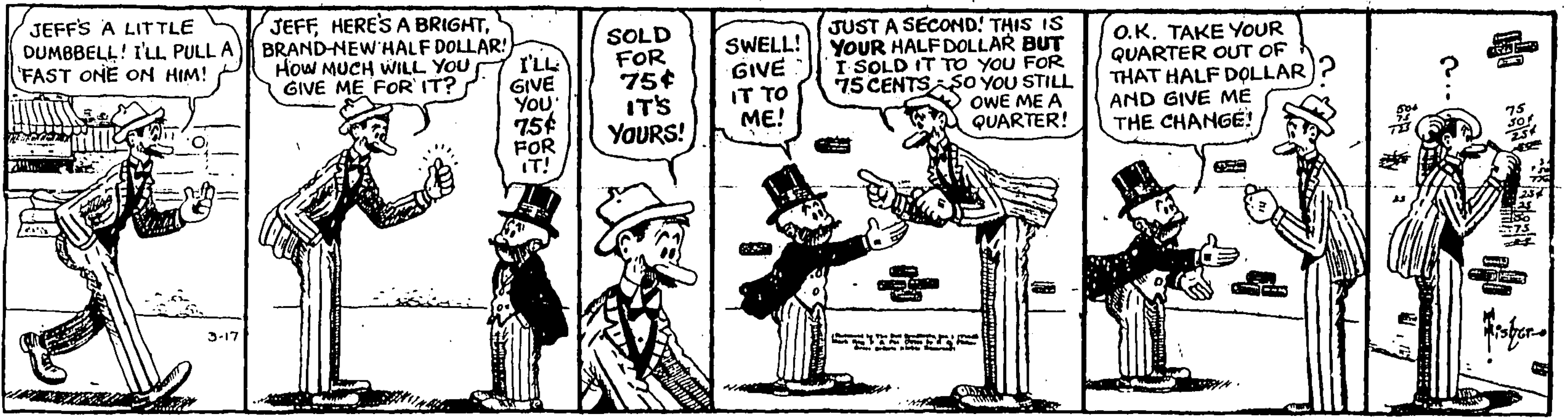
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HEAVY RAID ON MALTA: THIRD DAY

Malta had its third successive blitz on Wednesday night, during which heavy damage was caused to civilian property and there were some civilian casualties.

A Junkers 88 was shot down by gunfire.

According to the official communiqué the enemy came over in two waves. The first, mainly occupied in bombing, was greatly harassed and often turned away by the barrage.

The second wave dropped many bombs by the aid of flares.

There were no casualties at military or R.A.F. positions though heavy damage was done to property, including a church, hotel and cinema.

Some persons were killed and a number seriously injured. — Reuter.

Two Shot Down

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two enemy planes were shot down in one of the heaviest raids of the war on Malta. Eight were killed and 32 injured, while property was damaged.—International News Service.

GERMANS GET ROUGHEST HANDLING OF THE WAR

"IN GREECE THE German army got the roughest handling it has yet received and got it from forces which were a fraction of its own strength," said Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, speaking at a luncheon of the Anglo-Batavian Society in London yesterday.

Sir Archibald wondered what Hitler was thinking about the change and chances of the struggle, saying: "I don't think Hitler likes to think about Greece and I doubt he gives a thought to the collapse of Mussolini's pinchbeck empire."

Referring to the savage German air attacks on Holland at the time of its invasion Sir Archibald said: "Since that time we in the cities and towns of this country have learnt the horror of war as the Germans wage it."

"AIR STRENGTH GROWS. AND IT IS BEGINNING TO GROW FAST. AND WE WILL REPAY THEM."

The Air Minister pointed out that Hitler is a realist and dominating his thought's must be such factors as the growing weight

of R.A.F. attacks and the swelling reinforcements from the people of the United States.—Reuter.

Tribute To Dutch

Sir Archibald made particular mention of Dutch airmen who he said, since last June had been playing a part in the ceaseless watch and ward which the Coastal Command keeps around the British coasts and shipping—work for which they were well fitted by their peacetime training among the Dutch islands.

"They have rendered a great service, carrying out these long arduous sweeps over the sea which tax so sorely a man's courage and endurance."

"They are there to-day in the ranks of those who are fighting the Battle of the Atlantic, a battle which may well prove to be the most important of all."—British Wireless.

ITALIAN FLAG AT R.A.F. MESS

The Italian Garrison flag which formerly flew over Fort Capuzzo is now at R.A.F. Headquarters in the Western Desert where it hangs over the doorway of the Officers' Mess of a bomber squadron.

This Squadron had taken a leading part in the continuous bombing of the Fort.

A dare-devil pilot landed, triumphantly seized the Garrison flag, brought it back and presented it to the Bomber Squadron.

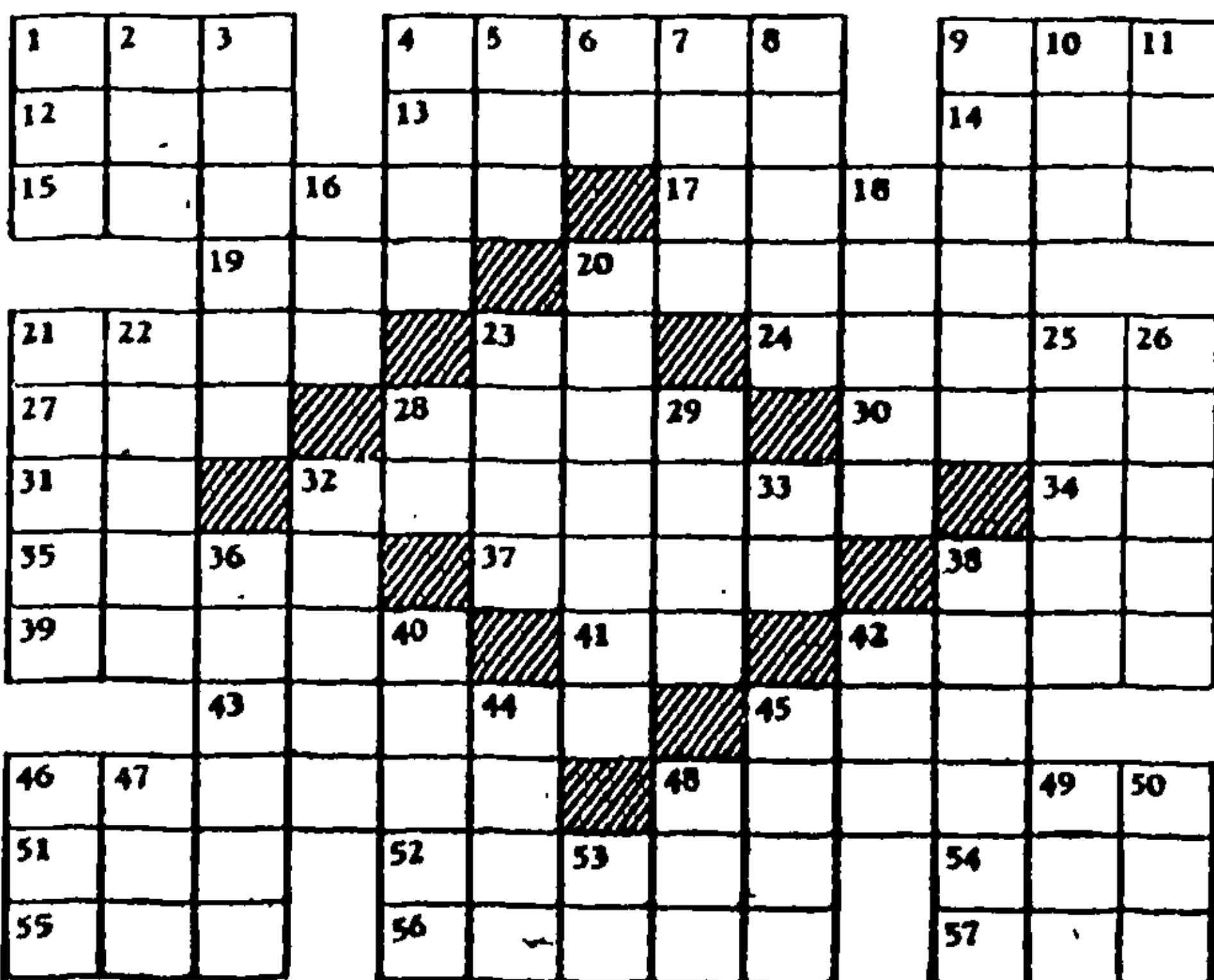
One corner of the flag is tattered from bomb splinters.

BY PONY TO THE SENATE

For the first time a member of the Eire Legislature drove to the meeting of the Senate in Dublin with a pony and trap. He used the pony because he had no petrol for his car.

Another senator, seeing him arrive, remarked: "One hundred miles to the gallon of water."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Resort
- 4 To make amends
- 9 To hit lightly
- 12 To consume
- 13 To direct
- 14 Period of time
- 15 To reach
- 17 Quarreled
- 19 Conjunction
- 20 Fat
- 21 Diplomacy
- 23 By
- 24 Outbreaks
- 27 To request
- 28 Cry of sorrow
- 30 Ice crystals
- 31 3,1416
- 32 Outermost
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Biblical garden
- 37 Grampus
- 38 Insect
- 39 Tears
- 41 French conjunction
- 43 Sensed
- 45 Struggled
- 46 Mongrel
- 48 Melted

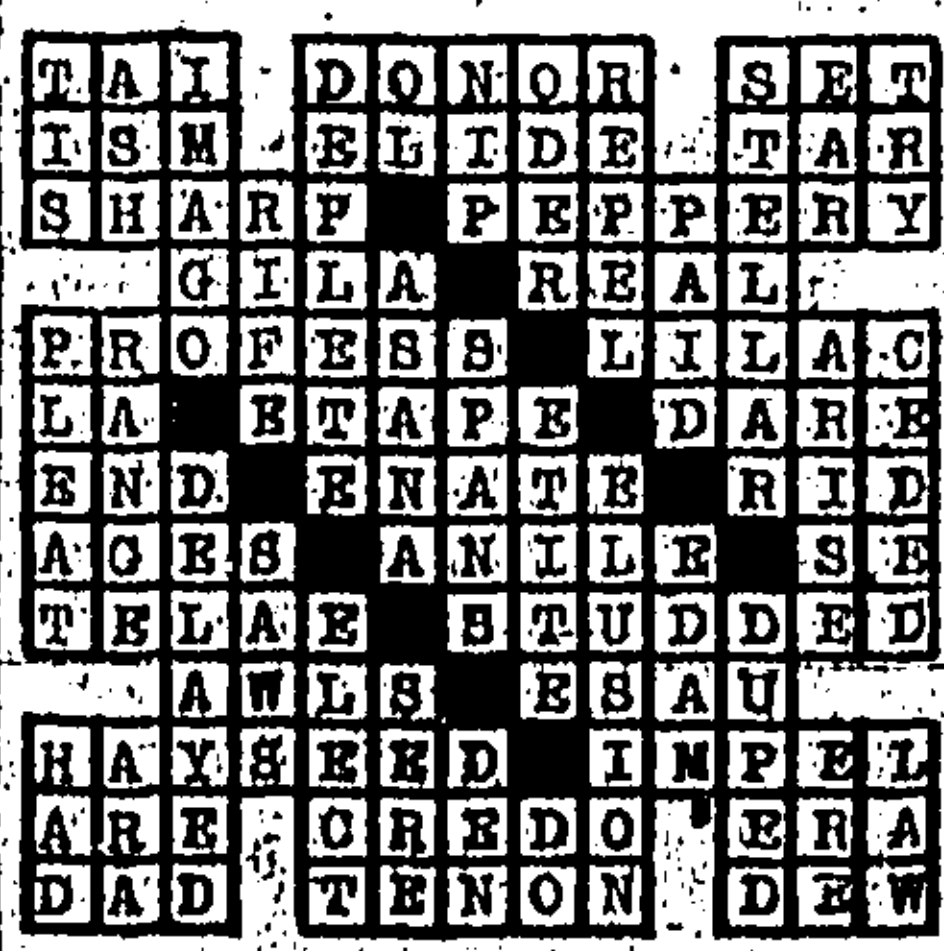
VERTICAL

- 1 Ocean
- 2 To stroke
- 3 To assault
- 4 Dry
- 5 Number
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Tidy
- 8 Blunder
- 9 Ancient

German

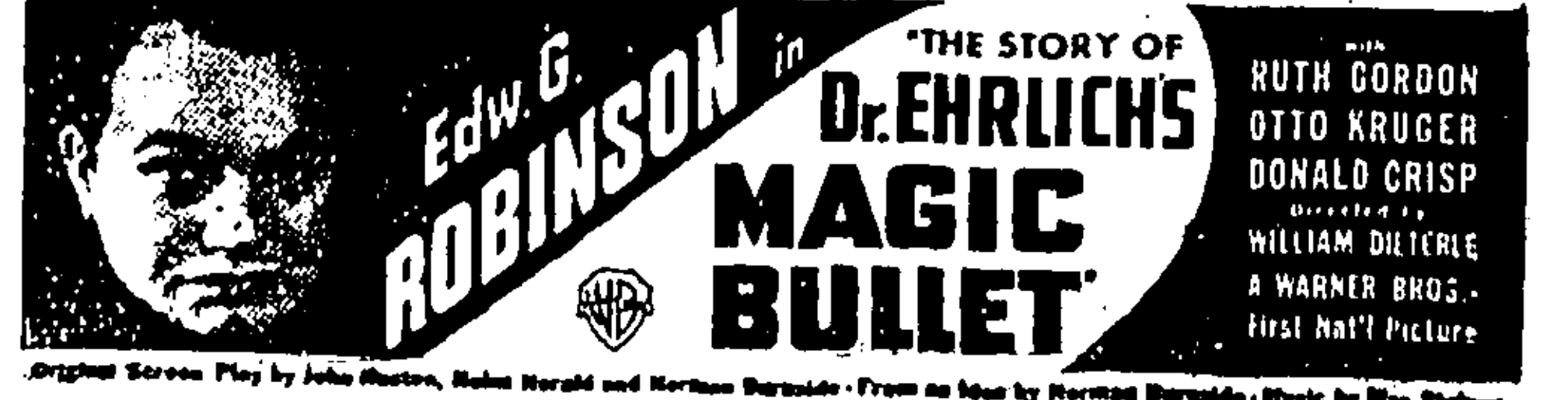
- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Cushion
- 16 Insect
- 18 Form
- 20 Was prominent
- 21 To come to a point
- 22 Apart
- 23 Singing voice
- 25 Drying cloth
- 26 Sugary
- 28 Chopping tool
- 29 Party
- 32 To grant
- 33 Colloquial: mother
- 35 To enclose
- 36 To scold
- 40 Weapon
- 42 Animal hair
- 44 Scandinavian literary work
- 45 Metropolis
- 46 Prefix: three
- 47 Pronoun
- 48 Mineral
- 49 Deer
- 50 Vast age
- 53 Note of scale

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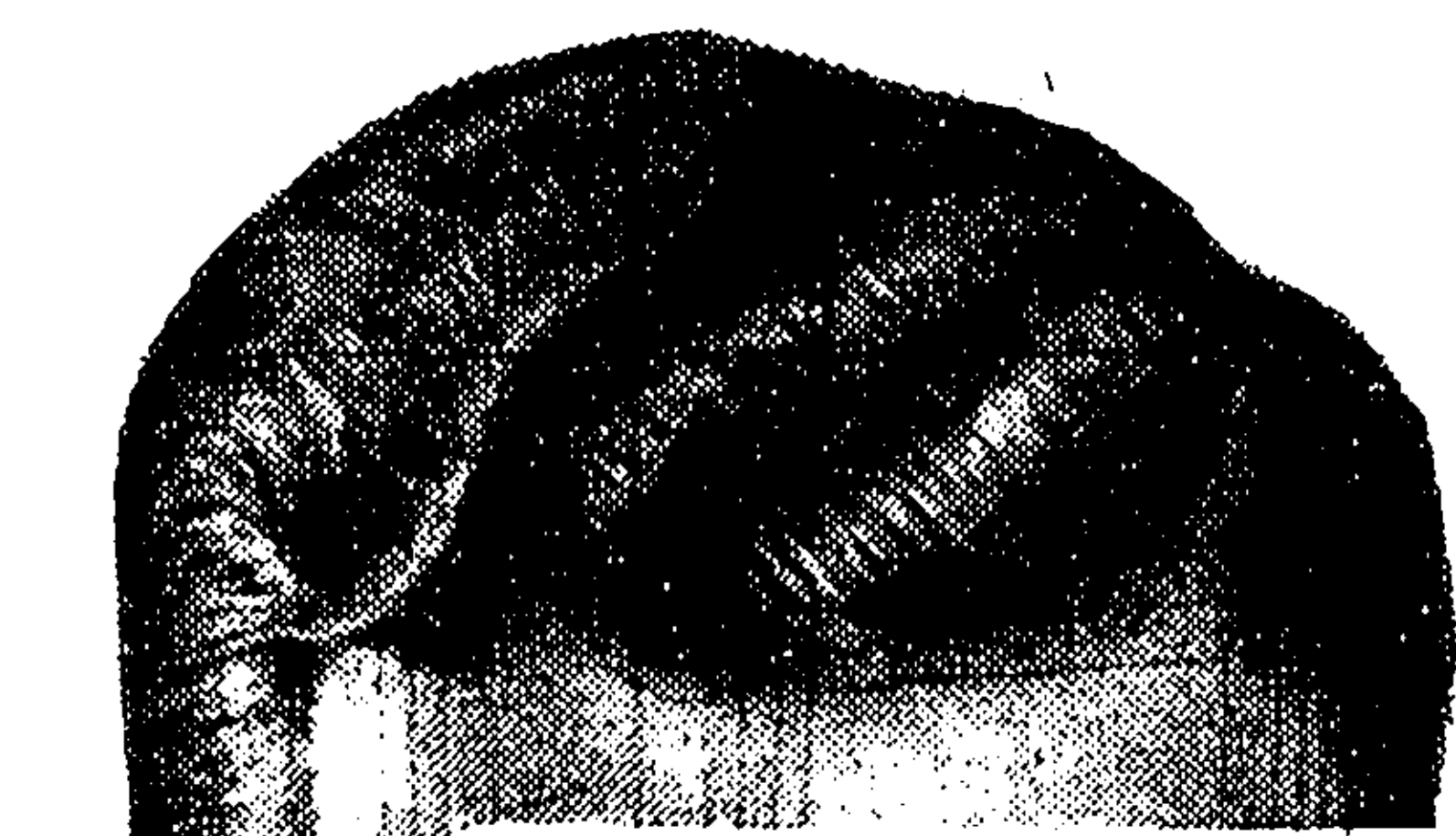
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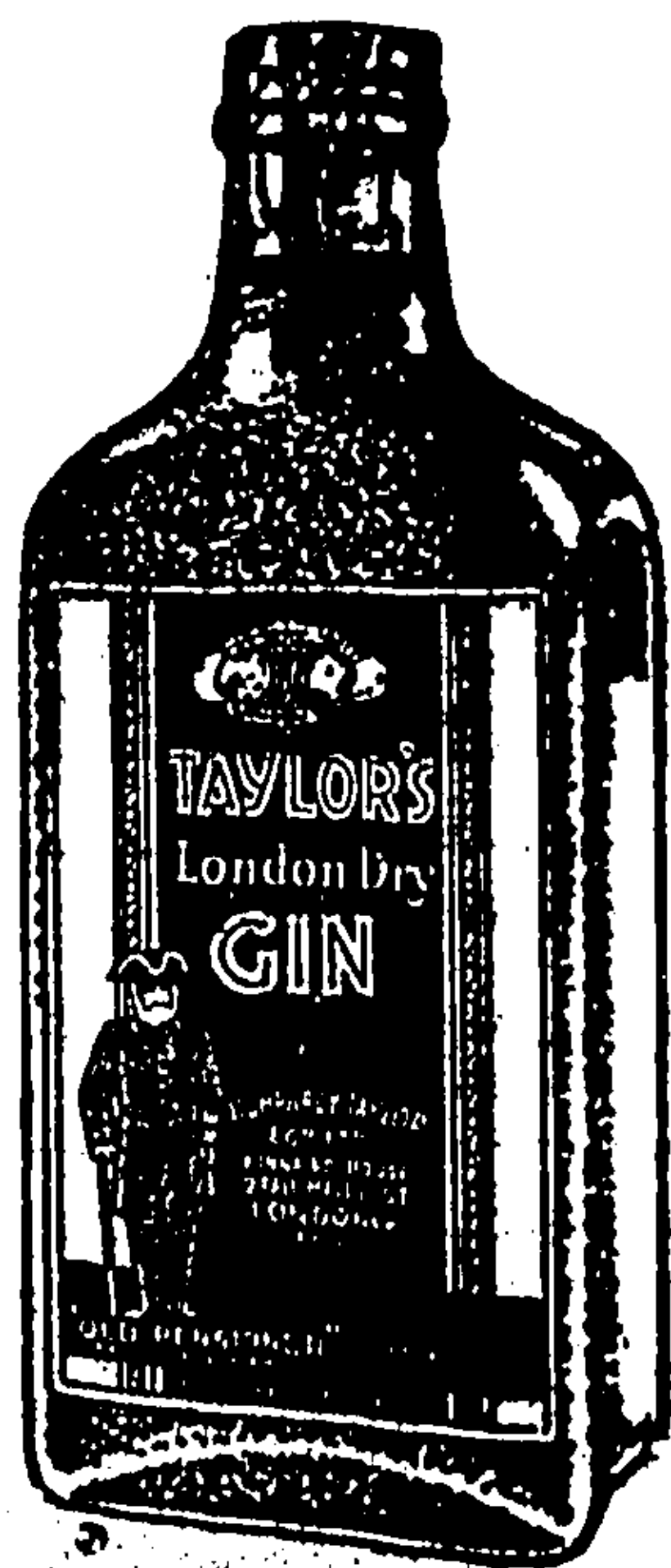
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U.S. DEFENCE OUTPUT: NEW RECORD

PRODUCTION OF American war material and construction of army cantonments and similar facilities is proceeding not only at a far faster rate than during the World War, but is also picking up speed rapidly at the moment, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told the Truman Senatorial Committee investigating national defence progress.

Secretary Stimson emphasised that the immense army programme had been thrown at the War Department with great suddenness and that the progress made to date would have been impossible had it not been for the careful and extensive advance preparation made by department and army officials over the preceding few years.

Mr. Stimson said in part: "The task of preparing our land forces for defence in the present emergency began in June, 1940, when the Battle of Flanders and the fall of France first aroused our people to their danger. Congress had made previous appropriations for aeroplanes and other equipment but the first immense emergency appropriations for raising and arming adequate defence forces was not made available until June, 1940. Between that date and October 8, 1940, Congress appropriated nearly \$7,000,000,000 further for the Army, over \$4,000,000,000 of which was not appropriated until September 9, 1940.

The time and size of these appropriations are strong evidence of the unexpectedness and seriousness of the danger which was suddenly revealed to the nation. The danger was not only unexpected but it was novel in its character. During the Great War the armies of Germany and the Allies were deadlocked on the western front for over four years.

When therefore in May, 1940, a German army suddenly burst upon the world, able to penetrate field fortifications, and which had developed for that purpose a technique in the use of aeroplanes and tanks hitherto unexpected by any of its opponents, the United States found itself suddenly faced with a problem of defence and training which was fundamentally different from what it had faced in the first World War.

Different in 1918

In 1917 we armed in comparative leisure behind the protection of the stabilised front in France and the complete control over the sea possessed by the Allied fleets.

France and Britain being instant we bought from them most of the heavy weapons with which we fought. True, we ourselves built these weapons, but generally speaking they were not ready for our use until after the war was over.

We also were able to limit the training of troops which was done in America to the training of Divisions only and even to send those Divisions across the Atlantic in a very imperfect state of training to complete that training after they got to France. The warfare being in trenches, our troops could be put into the trenches side by side with the veteran troops of our Allies and receive the remainder of their training in the face of the enemy.

Contrast with this the situation and the problems which have confronted us to-day.

We are obliged to create here in America large forces which which are fully trained to operate in a war of movement. The teams necessary for warfare must be complete and the men must be trained to the minute in all of the problems of team movements. This means the complete creation in America not only of Divisions but fully trained Corps and Armies with all of their specialised troops and weapons.

New Methods of Defence

These forces must be armed and trained for a new kind of

warfare involving huge numbers of new and specialised troops, which are extremely complicated in character and slow to build, such as the modern aeroplanes and tanks and new forms of anti-tank and anti-aircraft artillery.

Every one of these weapons must be built in this country. No other nation has them for sale to us, but on the contrary many nations are trying to buy them from us.

Furthermore, our forces must be prepared for the possibilities of war in many and varied terrains, it being quite uncertain in what part of North or South or Central America, or even possibly other regions, it ultimately may be necessary to use them in the defence of this country and its possessions.

Domestic Obstacles

Uninformed critics often overlook the conditions which control the creation of a large Army in a democracy like ours. In time of peace we have never kept an Army in readiness for a great war. In this respect we have treated it quite differently from our Navy, which now is habitually kept in comparative readiness for the emergent defence of the nation.

Peacetime Shrinkage

In time of peace the Army is allowed to shrink to a minimum number of men and no attempt is made to keep in stock an adequate supply of the constantly changing and developing new weapons necessary to equip an adequate force. The most that can get done by our officers is to try to keep abreast of the methods of war and to create plans for the future expansion of the Army, and to develop and procure types of weapons with which it can be armed.

This, so far as it was possible, had been done before June, 1940. The General Staff had worked out on paper the plans for the organisation of a mobile force to be created within the continental United States ready for a war of movement. This force was to consist of four separate armies and nine army corps comprising both Regulars and National Guard, and aggregating over 1,000,000 men. But there actually were on the muster rolls on July 1, 1940, only about 350,000 Regulars and about 225,000 Guardsmen. In order to reach the size of the forces contemplated for June 30 of this year, it was necessary to multiply these small existing forces nearly threefold.

Steps Had To Be Legalised

Not a further step could be taken without both substantive legislation and appropriations.

This final step only became accomplished in October, barely six months ago from the time I am now speaking. No contracts for munitions can be made until specifically authorised by the Congress.

The only method by which we could make sure of sufficient manpower to create the large forces which would be needed was by a compulsory service statute. And never in

our previous history had such a law been passed except in time of recognised war.

One of our primary lines of defence is the National Guard, which is composed of civilian soldiery under the primary jurisdiction of the 48 States. In the light of the requirements of mechanised warfare as revealed in the Battle of Flanders, it became obvious that the National Guard must receive at once a large amount of training beyond what it had ever received before.

May Be Long Emergency

To-day, not only are we facing a dangerous emergency but there is strong evidence that this emergency may be very prolonged and that we may have to continue our effort for a long time. To meet all these contingencies we are now planning a programme of training which will cover many successive military units and many successive instalments of men, and which in the aggregate may last for five years. Therefore we are giving the men to-day more adequate and comfortable housing and better facilities for hospitalisation, recreation, and education than existed in 1917.

In addition to this there have been substantial increases in labour and material costs.

This whole subject of the increase in the estimates has been recently treated by the report of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the conclusions of that Committee are worthy of the attention of this Committee as indicating a wise and temperate summary of this situation.

Initial Delays Overcome

What I wish now to emphasise and make clear is that the initial delays have already been substantially conquered and overcome; that these new and improved plans are resulting in the successful accomplishment of housing for our troops which will give them better care, better training, and better means of recreation and improvement than any American troops have ever received in the history of this country.

When the Armistice was signed in 1918, more than 18 months after the United States had entered the war, construction work in the United States had not yet been finished. One hundred seventy-two unfinished projects of various sorts were discontinued with the Armistice.

To-day only a little more than six months after our appropriations were passed in September, 147 new housing projects are either entirely completed or are very closely nearing completion.

Make Real Cities

Forty-two of these projects are veritable cities with populations running from a minimum of 10,000 to a maximum of over 60,000 inhabitants. Over 700,000 men are already in occupancy of their completed quarters.

I think I am speaking in measured language when I say that in no country in the world, including our own, has its military forces ever before been provided for in so brief a time, and upon so adequate a scale for ministering to their necessities and comforts.

With the magnitude of the task and the speed and pressure under which it was performed, it is inevitable that some mistakes have been made; but when the work of this Committee is completed, I am confident that it will be found that the total of those mistakes will appear quite insignificant when set against the value of the time saved and the size of the task performed.

SHORT OF EQUIPMENT

"Does the Home Secretary know that many air-raid wardens are without helmets and respirators, and can he give an assurance that steps are being taken to make good these deficiencies without delay?" M. E. Thurtle (Sec., Shoreditch) will ask this question in Parliament.

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EPIC OF GREECE

Sufficient has now been revealed of the Greek episode to lift the gloom, dismiss fears of catastrophe, and weigh the gains against the losses with a more assured sense of balance. Mr. Churchill, in his brilliant speech of Sunday, did much to shatter the John Gordons, to restore any lagging of British and American faith and to put the setback in its proper perspective. His disclosure in the House of Commons that 45,000 of 60,000 Anzac and British troops sent to Greece have been safely evacuated completes the job. Without vainglory and without losing sight of the painfulness of our losses, we can cheerfully echo the sentiments of the Prime Minister that "we have much to be thankful for and the Empire forces have much to be proud of."

Beyond a doubt, our losses are infinitesimal compared with those inflicted upon the Germans, while the evidence strongly suggests that the withdrawal was not necessitated by the inability of the Imperial forces to carry on as gloriously as they began in their sector, but by the heavy fateful decision forced upon the Greeks that their armies in the field, after months of heroic effort against tremendous odds, had reached a stage of exhaustion from which there could be no lasting recovery. In the circumstances, evacuation became inevitable, and the Imperial army, supported throughout by two or three divisions of stout-hearted Greek troops, fought their way back to the sea, always sufficiently in command of the situation to ensure the safety of the main body. Never was their thin rear-guard line broken; never did it falter.

If the cost has been great to Britain and to Greece, there is plentiful cause for satisfaction in any study of the corresponding cost to Hitler of his Balkans adventure. Enormous casualties, disrupted communications, closure for months of the Danube, and two hostile peoples to keep under, represent a totally disproportionate price for the strategic gain. Moreover, the Greeks are by no means vanquished. Greece won the first clearcut victory over aggression in this war. And though Hitler's mechanical men have clanked into Athens, the fight will still continue. Like Yugoslavia



PLYMOUTH, 1941.

Crucial Battle

—By
Major George Fielding Eliot

The basic principles of war remain the same: concentration, offensive action, security. Success in war is still dependent on the development of offensive action from a secure base against a well chosen objective. Sometimes, in the flurry of new catch-phrases and new weapons, we tend to forget these facts, as true to-day as they were when the first cavemen clashed with club and stone.

When, therefore, we find ourselves with military problems to solve, we should try to solve them in the light of these principles. Specifically, as we contemplate the necessity for the United States to undertake naval and air operations in the Atlantic Ocean for the protection of vital communications with Great Britain, we must realise that once we have taken this decision, the North Atlantic becomes a major theatre of offensive operations, in which we must concentrate such forces as may be necessary to accomplish our objective.

We may be quite sure that every effort will be made by our opponents to prevent us from doing this. These efforts are likely to take two forms: threatening Japanese moves in the Far East, and threatening Axis moves in West Africa—coupled, of course, with widespread raids on shipping, perhaps on American shipping as well as Britain's.

We must be prepared against such counter-action. We ought to give thought, not only to concentration of offensive power in the main theatre, but to the security of lines of communication, strategic flanks, and interests in other parts of the world.

Atlantic Must Come First

In the Far East, the presence of the Fleet at Hawaii and the advance guard Asiatic Fleet at Manila gives so great a naval super-

she has staked her national life on the belief that Britain must win in the end, and she fights on from Crete, secure in the tradition of a people that has watched history through the ages write the epitaphs of all its conquerors.

iority that, with carefully arranged plans for joint defence with the British and Dutch, we ought to be able to deal with any attempt by the Japanese to extend their power in the region of the South China Sea. But if the Atlantic becomes our main offensive theatre, we must realise that its demands become primary; half measures are the inevitable prelude to defeat, and if cruisers, destroyers and aircraft carriers are needed in the Atlantic, we must send them there. We might thus have to cut down, for the time being, the striking power of our Pacific Fleet; which means that for the time being we might have to assume the defensive in the Pacific.

But this does not and must not mean the abandonment of the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies and Singapore to the Japanese. The effect of such abandonment might be tantamount to the loss of the war, for it might cut off Great Britain from sources of raw materials and foodstuffs which could not be replaced, and might produce a complete collapse of her Middle Eastern campaign, with the consequent release of German forces for concentration against Britain.

Consequently we should produce a defensive concentration in the Philippines of forces not so immediately useful in the Atlantic—troops, land-based planes of second-line types, submarines—and we should thoroughly co-ordinate our plans for the defence of the South China Sea with the British at Hong Kong and Malaya, and the Dutch. It should be possible to retain a sufficient naval force in the Pacific so that, in co-operation with British, Dutch and Australian forces, the Japanese would be faced with a greater risk than any reasonable Japanese officer would care to advise his government to assume. The great thing is to make it clear to the Japanese that we are not only prepared to fight any fresh aggression, but have the will to fight; that any "step by step" policy of small advances will meet immediate resistance, not after a long series of aggressions have given

the Japanese further priceless positions, but at the first sign of aggression.

West Africa A Problem Too

We have next a security problem to be dealt with in West Africa. The Germans are adept at making flank or enveloping attacks, at avoiding direct assault for the indirect method which strikes with strength against weakness, which diverts, weakens and undermines. If we engaged in North Atlantic operations, they would seek to divert us in the South Atlantic. For this purpose they would need bases, and these bases could only be located in some of the Atlantic islands, or on the west coast of Africa within reach of the German land-air power. They lack the mobility which command of the sea confers, and can use only such bases as they can reach and supply by land.

Our requirements, therefore, are (1) to strengthen, by supplies and other means, the British in their West African positions, and the Free French in Equatorial Africa as well as the Belgians in the Congo, so that there can be no chance of the Axis pushing into any of these areas; (2) to make certain that no other West African position becomes available to the Germans.

It does not seem impossible that some arrangement could be arrived at by which the United States, could enter into an agreement assuring the military safety of the Portuguese colonial empire, an arrangement similar to that already reached with regard to Greenland. Of course the Germans would threaten Portugal with direct attack, but Germany is hardly anxious for fresh military adventures at the time, and would be less so were we to be active in the North Atlantic. In any case, Germany will attack Portugal when it is to Germany's interest to do so, quite regardless of whether Portugal's previous attitude has or has not been "correct" in the Wilhelmstrasse sense of that word. An arrangement of this sort with Portugal would give us positions not only in the Azores and Cape Verde Islands, but also in Portuguese Guinea, on Africa's western bulge.

These are all far-flung and rather startling considerations, or so they will seem to most Americans; yet they are a part of the picture of maritime security, and it is maritime security upon which the future of our people and of freedom in this world must be founded.

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HOW THE NAVY SAVED OUR FORCES FROM GREECE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent, evacuated with the British Forces from Greece)

I AM NOW ABLE TO TELL HOW THE BRITISH EMPIRE FORCES IN GREECE WERE SNATCHED TO SAFETY AT THE LAST MINUTE FROM THE VERY FEET OF THE GERMAN JUGGERNAUT.

Superhuman efforts by the Navy, with the aid of the R.A.F., enabled the evacuation to be carried out with the highest possible success.

REAL PLUCKY 'UN PRAISED

(By A Special Correspondent.)

Blacky carried on a London A.F.S. girl with no medals, but with a record of heroism that makes others proud to serve by her side.

"She's real plucky 'un," say her firemen colleagues. "If any one deserves a medal, she does. I don't know what we'd do without her."

Blacky is Mrs. Edith Lilian Smith, a widow and acting section officer of an A.F.S. sub-station. When her station received a direct hit, she calmly wrote out an S.O.S. "Station hit by high-explosive. Telephone communication out of order. Station on fire." She sent this note by messenger to the local station.

Saved Child

Then, with the firemen out fighting other fires, she made her way through the dust and wreckage to a school shelter where a caretaker's child was trapped. Single-handed she tore at fallen bricks until she got the child out.

She returned to her control room and, though the adjoining room was a mass of flames, went through the blaze and saved the station's records book and Spitfire fund money.

For these acts of heroism she was commended in a letter from the Home Office.

Her station was hit a second time. She saved it by herself putting out several incendiary bombs.

"I don't remember how many there were," she told me when I met her. "It all happened so quickly when the men were again out fighting other fires." I asked her about the hit by high explosive.

"Oh, I just carried on," she said. "That's the only thing to do. Of course, it was a bit of a shock — the explosion, I mean — but I didn't get hurt. I think I was born lucky."

Apart from her adventures in the fire service, Blacky has been has been bombed out of two homes. She was out each time.

HER £100 TO HOSPITAL

An elderly woman walked into St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and left a cheque for £100. She had lost her husband and this was his "superannuation money."

"I've always been a working woman and I expect I shall have to work again," she added.

Troops who had tramped miles across the mountains to reach their embarkation points were picked up by naval craft, merchantmen and flyingboats at beaches all along the eastern shores of Greece.

From Chalkis, on the island of Euboea, to the Peloponnese, ships sailed in to fulfil their task dead on time according to plan.

I was evacuated with a large force from a small port in the Peloponnese after spending a nightmare 24 hours lying under olive trees in a cornfield.

We were subjected to continuous bombing and machine-gunning by Nazi planes. Many of my comrades had been through Dunkirk.

A Ghostly Procession

I had left Athens at night with a convoy of lorries under sealed orders. As we roared towards Corinth in ghost-like procession I realised that a full-scale withdrawal was under way.

We passed a mile-long column of British infantry marching in an exhausted state to their assembly post.

More lorries and trucks joined the convoy until a giant snakelike line was wending southward.

In the grey light of dawn we passed through Burges, where many British trucks had been left burning by the roadside as a result of German machine-gunning.

We swept on to a small port where we were to be picked up. Three ships lay sunk in the harbour and an ammunition dump was blazing furiously. — Reuter.

2-MILE VAIN FIGHT TO SAVE OBSERVER

A U.S. ARMY FIGHTING PLANE with its rudder knocked askew plummeted 12,000 feet to earth in a small Pampanga barrio near Clark Field, carrying with it an army private whose parachute had become entangled when he tried to bale out, says the "Manila Bulletin."

The private, Franklin R. Labante, 24, was killed.

The pilot, R. S. Sloan, battled for 11,000 feet to right the plane and free Labante. He finally took to his parachute at 400 feet from the ground and landed safely.

Both men were from the 2nd observation squadron, U. S. Army air corps, at Clark Field, Fort Stotsenburg. They had been up on maneuvers. Sloan was leading a flight of three planes.

An official army release said the wing of one of the three planes hit Sloan's rudder, damaging it so that the plane went out of control.

Sloan called to Labante to bale out, and apparently Labante pulled the ripcord too quickly, fouling the parachute in the falling plane.

Labante's home town was Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Private advices from San Fernando said the plane burned when it crashed. Army advices did not confirm this. The plane was identified as an attack ship, carrying only a pilot and observer. It was demolished.

The machine landed on the hacienda of Mrs. Africa Santos in barrio Maratita, Mabalacat, about 100 feet from the national highway. The hour was 10 a.m.

"GHOST" APPEARS AT U.S. CONGRESS

A young woman dressed in a painted skull mask and black robe rose in Congress during the British aid debate and threw it into confusion.

Appearing like a ghost in the public gallery, she cried, "My Novena! My Novena!"

Congressmen shouted, "Throw it out!" "Scram!" and "This isn't a seance."

As the Sergeant-at-Arms rushed the "ghost" from the gallery, she snatched off the death-mask and revealed a pretty young face.

PLAYED CRICKET WITH DICKENS

George Remnant, who was the oldest ex-county cricketer in the country, has died at Harrow. He knew Charles Dickens, and taught Lord Harris how to play cricket. He was 95 years of age.

Mr. Remnant played for Kent in the 60's. When he was a youth Charles Dickens saw him play a brilliant innings for Kent Colts at Gravesend, and asked him to come and play for his village team at Higham, near Rochester. Remnant played there regularly in the field behind the novelist's home.

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Military Analysis Of The Campaign In Greece

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

LOOKING AT THE GREEK CAMPAIGN IN ITS BROADEST ASPECTS WE WERE RIGHT TO SEND ALL THE HELP WE COULD TO GREECE.

The moral issue involved might be said to be without exaggeration to be decisive but the material losses and heavy punishment inflicted on the German army was, in any case, well worth our effort.

It must be admitted that the handling of their forces by the German Command has been good. They are not hidebound pedants in their conception of the conduct of war. The Germans cast rules aside, and a glance at their operations in this war supports this statement.

In May 1941 year their decisive blow was delivered at the centre of the French line. They broke through at Sedan and then turned north to cut off our left wing, which had independently penetrated into Belgium, leaving our flank insufficiently protected.

Last month the Germans seized the opportunity provided again by an unguarded flank and threw some troops into Tripoli as we moved a force north across the Mediterranean into Greece.

Napoleonic Strategy

In the actual battles in Greece the Germans went back to Napoleon, broke through the centre of the Allied line south of Monastir Gap, and through the hole thus made pushed forces behind the advanced Allied position in Albania, thus bringing about the surrender of the Greek left wing.

It is interesting to note that the same method was applied as that employed by Napoleon at Austerlitz, probably his most brilliant battle.

We must now await Hitler's next moves, which are likely to be:

First, a drive to capture Suez by reinforcing if possible his troops in Libya, and at the same time a concentrated attack in Thrace.

And The Ukraine?

Second, a simultaneous move through Spain to seize the British naval base in the eastern Mediterranean.

Third, and this is a possibility, though not such a probability, an attack on the Ukraine in order to lay hands on the wheat supplies there and open a road to the oil-fields in the Caucasus.

These are vast schemes but it is recognised that Hitler has huge hordes of well-armed soldiers at his disposal.—Reuter.

SOLDIER TO DIE FOR MURDER OF GIRL

Found guilty of murdering a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl, whose body was found in a blockhouse, a soldier aged twenty-eight was sentenced to death at Liverpool Assizes.

Before being sentenced, he said: "I still say I am an innocent man."

His mother collapsed in court and was carried out. The jury were out fifty-five minutes.

The accused man is Samuel Morgan, of Berkeley Drive, Seaford, Lancs. The girl, Mary Hagan, lived in Brookside Avenue, Waterloo, Lancs.

It was alleged by the prosecution that while on an errand on November 2, she was enticed, or dragged into the blockhouse, violated and strangled. The case had lasted a week.

HE HAD KILLED 2,339 BULLS

The well-known bull-fighter Rafael Guerra, considered by many to be one of the greatest bull-ring figures of all time, has died at Cordoba.

Born in 1862, Guerra was the last survivor of the great bull-fighters of last century.

He took part in 892 bull-fights, killing 2,339 bulls. He was known to the public as "Guerrita."

POWDER PUT BOMB OUT

Heads of Liverpool civil defence services and of business firms saw an incendiary bomb extinguished by a fine greyish powder at Liverpool fire brigade headquarters.

It was the first time anyone in Liverpool had seen a fire bomb actually put out—all other known methods have the effect of merely controlling the bomb till it burns itself out.

An official of the London manufacturing firm poured the powder on the bomb while it was spouting its molten fire.

Within five minutes the flames were out, and only a thin column of slightly smelling smoke curled from the mass of powder.

THE LAST POST

Owing to the lack of demand among troops the scheme organised by the British Legion last autumn for placing soldiers in correspondence with members of the public is to be ended, announces the War Office.

HIGH TRIBUTE TO BRAVERY OF INDIAN TROOPS

DESPATCHES WHICH have just been received from the Eritrean front pay high tribute to the bravery of Indian troops in the soaring hills.

Along a road dominated from the heights, up and over the peaks themselves, Indian troops fought their way to victory.

For more than a month the battle swayed on ridges, fierce counter-attack ceaselessly following attack.

The final attack was launched one night and pressed relentlessly all next day, cutting into the heart of the Italian position and leaving thousands of enemy isolated on the heights on either flank.

Midland and Indian troops surged down from the captured fort of Dologorodoo to conquer vital hills along the railway two miles from Keren. They smashed their way through a whole colonial brigade and a regiment of Carabinieri in the dash forward.

Even as they consolidated the position Scottish troops were swarming up the 6,000-foot mountain of Sanchil, most heavily defended Italian position, and enemy troops were being routed out at the bayonet point. Soon they waved a white flag and surrendered.

In Keren gorge, where, four miles from the town, the Italians had blasted 200 yards out of the road to block the advance, our

soldiers were fighting hand to hand with machine-gun crews.

Even while this fighting was going on Indian Sappers were at work dynamiting a new way through, while Bren carriers followed close behind.

Desperate Charge

The enemy made a last desperate charge but, shattered by machine-gun and artillery fire, they halted, hesitated and then turned back.

It was the signal for the final advance. British and Indian infantry, shouting and cheering, swept forward. They climbed up to the top of peaks and then down the other side to race into Keren. Meanwhile Sappers had cleared the blocked road and tanks and troops passed along it and into the town.

The Prime Minister, in a message to the Viceroy of India a few days after Keren fell, said: "The whole Empire has been stirred by the achievements of the Indian forces in Eritrea."—British Wire-



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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 41

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime isn't easy to spot, so polish up your microscopes:

South, Dealer
East West vulnerable
♠ K 8
♥ 10 9 8
♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ K 9 2
♠ 9 6 2
♥ A Q 5 4
♦ 2
♣ Q 5
♠ 7 6 3
N
W
E
S
♠ J 10 7 4
♥ 7 3
♦ J 9 8
♣ Q J 8 5
♠ A Q 5 3
♥ K J 6
♦ A 7 3
♣ A 10 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the four of hearts, dummy winning with the eight.

A low diamond was returned to South's Ace, and on the second round of diamonds West was allowed to hold the trick with his Queen. West returned the nine of spades, hoping to get his partner in, but South gathered in ten tricks before giving up the lead.

And there's a nice juicy murder for you to play around with! We'll give you a hint: one of the defenders is the criminal. See if you can spot the crime before you read any more.

West is the criminal, and his crime took place at the second trick! He murdered the defence by holding on to the diamond Queen; he should have dropped it when South played the diamond Ace. After all, his Queen is useless unless his partner has the Jack of diamonds; and if his partner has the diamond Jack, West must drop the Queen so as to let East win the diamond trick. For if East wins the diamond trick, he can return a heart and allow West to take four heart tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 5
The bidding:
Maler You Jacoby Schenken
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ (?)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You have too much strength to pass, and the club raise is more informative than a rebid in spades. Your partner almost surely counts on you for a fairly strong five-card spade suit, so a spade rebid adds very little to your partner's impression of your hand.

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Question No. 705

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maler You Jacoby Schenken
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ 3♣ Pass 3NT
Dbl. (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ORGANIST SUED BY WIFE

Among the 113 defended suits to come before the High Court this term is that of Mrs. Florence Guy Foort. She is seeking a divorce decree against Mr. Reginald Foort, the organist.

Plan To Split Our Fleet

HITLER, BAFFLED BY BRITAIN'S BRILLIANT SUCCESSES AGAINST HIS ITALIAN ALLY, IS MAKING STRONG EFFORTS TO BRING JAPAN INTO THE WAR. HE PLANS TO SYNCHRONISE A JAPANESE DIVERSION IN THE EAST WITH HIS EUROPEAN OFFENSIVE SO AS TO DISPERSE BRITISH STRENGTH AND THE AID WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS POURING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

He wants, in fact, to make Japan his dupe, just as the Italian people are.

Hitler is desperately in need of a diversion, and the entry of Japan would just suit him.

But, having landed the Japanese in trouble, he would not care how dire the outcome for them, any more than he worries about the distress of Italy.

He believes that Japan, by action against the Dutch East Indies and Malaya and other distant territories would divert some of the British Navy while he himself made an onslaught nearer home.

U.S. Vigilant

But he has lost all hope of taking Britain by surprise, and it may be assumed that the United States are as vigilant as Britain.

The entry of Japan would at once engage the most active interest of America.

The collapse of Italy under the irresistible British attack in Africa; the hard blows of the Greeks in Albania; and a resistance in France on which he had not counted, force on Hitler the need to do something, and to do it quickly.

He is believed to be behind attempts to make a bargain with Russia, with the aim of securing Japan against a stab in the back if the Japanese came actively into the Nazi partnership.

There may be some Japanese opinion which favours linking Japan with Axis fortunes, though, after the Italian debacle, there must be far less confidence in Axis prowess.

It would be obvious to all coolly thinking people that Hitler was trying to involve Japan in a gambler's throw.

Britain and the United States maintain close touch on Far Eastern affairs, and no move would take them unawares.

Japan might be able to envisage a "quick results" war, but the strain of a prolonged struggle would be disastrous.

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Arrested with over £45 in his pocket, Harold Biller, for 31 years a printer's packer with one firm, living at Sancerroft Street, Lambeth, pleaded "Guilty" at Marlborough Street to stealing a pair of socks and a shaving stick, value 2s. 11d., from a store in Oxford Street.

In his defence, it was urged that his wife was seriously ill, and that since Christmas, when 57 people were killed by a bomb in a shelter in which he had taken refuge, he had been in a terrible state. He was bound over.

MOTHERS ORPHANS OF THE WAR

Official "mother" to Britain's war orphans, Mrs. Jennie Adamson, M.P., is determined that those children who have the talent shall be given a first-class education.

To pay fees for this, she has made arrangements for grants from the King's Fund, which was formed after the last war.

Mrs. Adamson, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Pensions, by whom she was appointed "mother" to the war orphans, said in an exclusive interview that a large number of people from all over the world, particularly America, had sent money to prominent people in this country for the welfare of the war orphans.

The money has gone into the King's Fund, "But," said Mrs. Adamson, "this does not mean that the allowances of the foster parents will be cut down. It will be devoted to special educational purposes."

300 Family

In one case money had been used to buy an electric sewing machine so that an orphaned girl, who suffered from physical defects and could not use her legs, would be able to sew.

Mrs. Adamson said that already she had a family of 300. "They are the children of men who have either been killed serving with the Forces, or of civilians who have died as the result of enemy action," she said.

"I am determined to see that they get every chance, just as if they were my own children," said Mrs. Adamson, who is herself mother of two sons and two daughters, all married.



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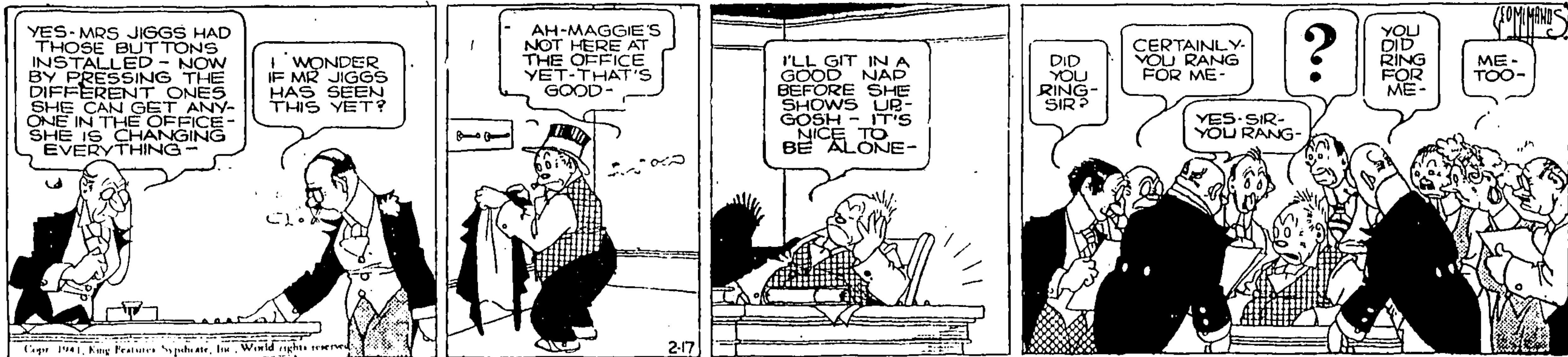


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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Light French Programme. Le Petit Quinquin (Desrousseaux).

Après de ma Blonde (traditional). Jean Soubert (vocal) with Orch. Fox-Trot Bell Ringers. One-Step Arabes. Scabbi. Maurice Alexander (Accordéon). Tu ne sais pas aimer. Waltz. La fille aux moutons (both from film "Sole"). Dams (vocal) with Orchestra. Elle Lait. Marie-Claire. Valse (Charly). L'Assemblée du Village. Valse (Vandari). Alexander (Accordéon) with his Orchestra and vocal refrain by Adrien Lamy. Le Lieutenant Souriant (Battelle & others). Le chant du marin (Vebert & van Parys). Adrien Lamy (vocal) with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot Arm in Arm. Fox-Trot Fools Rush In. Ambrose & his Orchestra. Tango Charming d'Amour. Tango Chinois. Mario Meili & his Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trot Get Your Boots Laced. Papa Woody Herman & his Orchestra. Waltz Lovely Old Lady. Fox-Trot Never Took a Lesson in my Life. Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot I'll Never Smile Again. Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Ronald Murgatroyd and Jessica Dragonette.

Orchestra & Organ—In The Shadows (Finck). Valse Septembre (Gode). Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra. Vocal Love. Forever I Adore You (Miller & de Michel). In Your Arms Tonight (Lockett & Geith). Ronald Murgatroyd (Tenor) with violin and piano. Orchestra & Organ—Swing, Teacher, Swing. Selection: "Sally, Irene & Mary". Selection: Anton & the Paramount Theatre Orch. Vocal—Through the Doorway of Dreams (Robin, Whitting). Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with Orch. Orchestra & Organ—"The Life of the Party". Selection: "Lovely to Look at". Selection: Anton & the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

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6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 45 ("Farewell") in F Sharp Minor.

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6.56 p.m.—A Haydn Song.

My Mother bids me bid my hat. Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—State Opera Orchestra with Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).

The Mastersingers of Nuremberg—Overture (Wagner). State Opera Orchestra cond by Leo Blech. O Charming Hour. The Dream ("Manon" Massenet). I still seem to hear ("The Pearl Fishers"—Bizet). Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Le Prophete—Coronation March (Meyerbeer). State Opera Orchestra. La Donna E Mobile ("Rigoletto" Verdi). The Stars were shining ("Tosca"—Puccini). Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Waltz ("Eugen Onegin"—Tchaikowsky). State Opera Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.01 p.m.—A Request Programme.

It's a Hap-hap-happy Day (film "Gulliver's Travels"). Arthur Askey (vocal) with Orchestra. Tango South of the Border. Jack Hattis & his Orchestra. Donkey's Serenade (film "Firefly"). Gracie Fields (vocal) with Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Love is Here to Stay; Love Walked In (both from film "The Goldwyn Follies"). Jack Harris & his Orchestra. Wanting You (film "The New Moon"). Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). Without a Song (film "The Prodigal"). Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). Overture "Light Cavalry" (Suppe). The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. La Paloma (Yradier). Celestino Sarrabe (Baritone) with Orchestra. Merry Wives of Windsor—Overture (Nicolai). Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra. O Sole Mio. Enrico Caruso (Tenor). Serenade (Schubert). De Groot (Violin). Gibrilario (Piano). Samehtini (Cello). Sweetly She Sleeps. My Alice Fair (Foster). Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Foster). John McCormack (Tenor). Ave Maria (Schubert). Dol Dauber & his Salon Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Fred Stein (Piano) & Kenny Baker (Tenor). Marta Eggerth Film Melodies—Selection. Fred Stein (Piano). You Walk By (Ben Raleigh—Bernie Wayne). Chapel in the Valley (Rene & others). Kenny Baker (Tenor). Jan Klepura Film Melodies. Fred Stein (Piano). Sing a Song of Harvest (from "Kentucky Moonshine"). Kenny Baker (Tenor). Fox-Trot—I Am Playing Farewell to You; Waltz—I Have a Heart for Lovely Women. Fred Stein (Piano).

9.45 p.m.—The Hill Billies. In The Moonlight's Glow; Climbing Up the Golden Stairs; Carry me Back to Old Virginia; Granny's Old Old Arm Chair; Paradise Trail (Knighton & Crumb).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Herndl. blow.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music. Fox-Trots—You're the Moment of a Lifetime; Ampegia... Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye. Rumba—Pa-Ran-Pan-Pan; Bolero—Loca Ilusion... Xavier Cugat & his Waldorf Astoria Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Sierra Sue; Slow Fox-Trot—Trade Winds... Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orch. Swing Fox-Trots—Cotton Tail; Never No Lament... Duke Ellington & his Famous Orchestra. Fox-Trots—This Is Romance; Pyramid... Artie Shaw & his Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Mist on the River; Quick-Step Look for the Silver Lining... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra. Tango Medley—Intro.; Rosita; Jealousy; Julian; Waltz Medley—Intro.; Always; All Alone; What'll I Do... Joe Loss & his Band.

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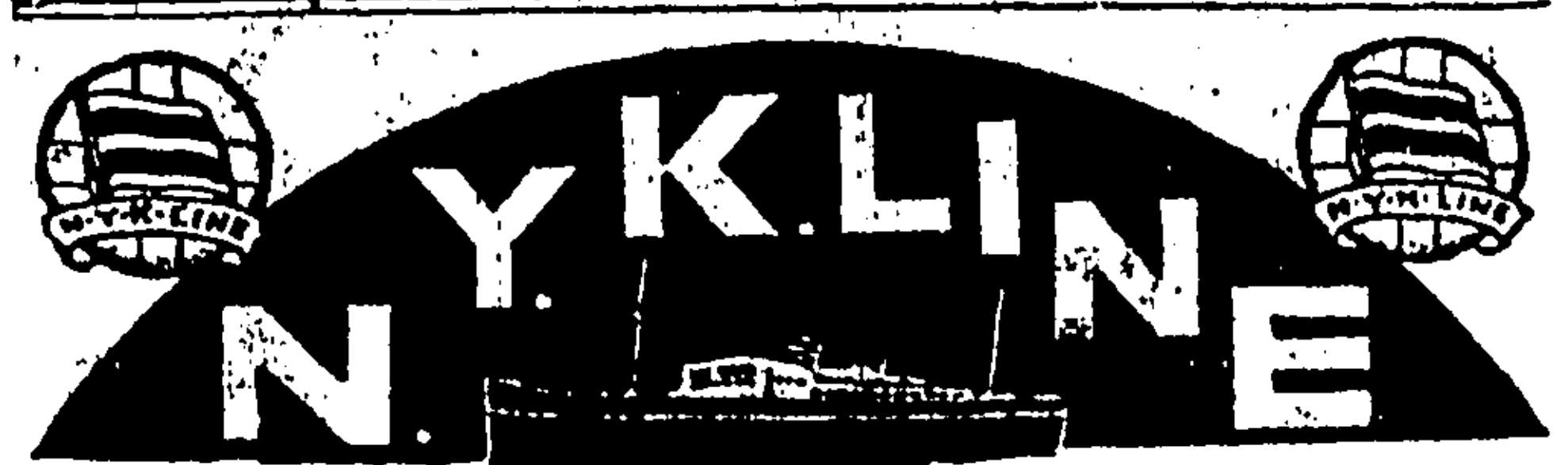
"It was then time to make tracks for our base and we turned out to sea. We knew that we should be chased, but with the wind behind us we streaked along at a grand pace. Some of the fighters gave up the chase, but two of them hung on and kept blazing away at us. We made for a cloud at four thousand feet and whistled into a turn under its cover. The enemy fighters lost us for the time being and, with more cloud to help us, we led them a merry dance. At last they decided to give up too.

"They had followed us for one hundred and forty miles, but we had carried out the bombing on which we set forth and had got away all right from a large force of fighters.

"We hope that, returning against the strong wind over the Mediterranean, they had difficulty in getting home—they must have been running low in petrol, and they had a long jaunt back to Libya. When they made off we re-formed and came back to our base in comfortable style. It had been a really satisfactory morning."

IN GAOL WITH HITLER

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With these words of wisdom I will proceed to the business in hand.

The champions, Recreio "A", are pursuing a very wise policy.

things, are making a great effort never change a winning combination. Thus we find their team for to-morrow's match against Craigengower, identical with their combination of last year, with one exception, C. Roza Pereira, who played No. 3 to J. J. Basto in the "B" team, being brought into the side vice C. M. Silva, who will be playing lead for "J. J." Although Recreio can expect strong challenges from K.B.G.C. and Craigengower this season, I shall be surprised if the tried and seasoned combinations, which are each of the champions' rinks, do not carry the team through to their fifth success in five years.

Craigengower look to be somewhat stronger, although they have lost McNeill to K.B.G.C. The evergreen B. W. Bradbury is back to the fold and will be skipping a rink with Alf Coates as his right-hand man, Joe Leonard leading, and L. C. B. Souza No. 2.

U. M. Omar has a very powerful rink. A. M. Omar, who played as a No. 3 last season, will be No. 1, with K. M. Omar and Dick Basa—the latter skipped a rink last year and has returned from Manila just in time for the League opening the two and three respectively.

Charlie Rosselet's rink looks to be an experimental one. Joe Landolt has been retained as third man, but Bill Way, who skipped a rink in Second Division, has been brought in as No. 2 and Y. A. Razack has also received well-merited promotion.

The Craigengower team looks well-balanced and should do well against their great rivals, Breckle "A", to-morrow.

K.B.G.C. "A" has been usefully reinforced this season. McNeill, coming in from Craigengower, and Randle from Civil Service, and although the composition of some of the rinks has been changed. Alf Hall, George Sherriff and Adam Holland are still the three skips. Sykes, who met with most success in the last Club tournament, and is probably the most improved player, has been given a place in Sherriff's rink, in which he will lead.

The composition of the I.R.C. team is much the same as last season with Dallah, A. K. Minu and M. R. Abbas the skips. Minu remains his rink almost intact, while Dallah will this season have the services of A. O. Madar, who was unable to turn out regularly last season as his No. 3.

last season, as his No. 3. Police will be without Jack Fender, who is on leave, but Wally Mair is back after a sojourn Down Under, when he played quite a bit of bowls. Ted Post, Mair and Jack Shepherd will be skipping and as all three have experienced No. 3's—Carey will be Post's right hand man—besides earlier numbers who are no sufferers at the game, we may be certain that Police will do as well as they did last season.

Kowloon Docks will be without Jock McKelvie but have most of their old players, while Civil Service, although they have been very badly hit by leaves, retirements and other such tiresome

They will sorely miss Bob Hall, who was Younghusband's No. 3 last year, but will have the services of Ernie Kern and Walter Naef, former K.C.C. players. I thought it would be fairly sure that Kern, who has been a First Division skip for some years, would be entrusted with a rink, but I have had word that there has been a last-minute change and Younghusband will continue as a skip with Kern his No. 3.

With Naef leading and Joe Eastman, who caused some upsets in the Open Singles last season, as his No 2, Younghusband should have a rink capable of giving many a senior outfit a good game.

Field, no longer tied down by Naval duties, should be able to turn out regularly, while Simpson will be in charge of a useful-looking outfit.

Recreio, although they did inexplicably badly last season.

to carry on. MacGowan, who was No. 3 to Hollidge last season, will be skipping one of the rinks, while Harry Strange will be in charge of the latter. Only member of the Old Brigade still functioning as skip is M. N. Rakusen. Former members of the junior team who will be given a chance of playing senior bowls this season are, Dan Crawley, Charlie Strange and Jack Carr, while Tom Seddon is back in the ranks.

The K.C.C. team looks strange this season without Frank Goodwin and Ernie Kern and although they have a number of comparatively inexperienced players, they should do well enough, if all shake down as they are expected to.

Teddy Fincher, the only old skip, seems to have a useful rink with Arthur Perry as lead and Smith and "Paul" Jack as his other front men, while Fraser, who, I hear will be going on leave shortly, should receive good support from George Lee, Taylor and Ramsey.

Tom Madar will make his debut as a skip with Norman Bebbington as his right hand man, "Pop" Parsons as his two, and Bertie Guest, better-known as a hockey and tennis player and who only took up the game a few months ago, as his lead.

The two Bastos, "J.J." and "B.", will again be in charge of a couple of rinks of Recreio "B" with "Doc" Guterres guiding the fortunes of the other. Quite a number of changes have been made in the rinks themselves but, with the large number of young and improving players available, this is not surprising.

Last but not least we come to K.B.G.C. "B", Second Division champions last season. Veteran Bob Dupon and Guy both experienced men, should do quite as well in better company, while Jock McKelvie, who played for the Docks last year and who is taking over one of these rinks, is no newcomer to First Division. Pope and Cheesman, of last year's team are not available but otherwise the team is little changed, although the line-ups to some extent have been altered.

should be one of the chief challenges to K.F.C.'s supremacy, although O. P. Remedios remains the only odd skip. Other rinks will be skipped by J. R. Soares and J. A. Remedios, the latter receiving deserving promotion from an erstwhile No. 2 berth.

Taikoou, always a strong team, will not be engaged in the League to-morrow and I understand that they will be a much different team to last year's. Chalmers, is the only old skip, and Melrose and Watson, both No. 3's last season, are likely to take over the other two rinks.

Craigengower will be without Way (promoted) and Ernie Zimmern, who does not intend to play very much this year, but Lock and Randall are still available, with Medina to skip the other rink. Lock's rink looks particularly good as Gaddi is an excellent lead and Ladd has had any amount of experience as skip and No. 3. Lionel Lammert is a new recruit who will assist Medina and another notable member of the side is Ward—he did not play regularly last season—who should strengthen Randall's rink considerably.

I must say I like the look of the K.C.C. team. I notice that Vic Labrum, erstwhile senior, will be playing No. 3 to Tommy Carr, who will also have "Sonny" Capell, an accurate lead, and Tony Fabel.

Carr was one of the most successful skips in Second Division last year, and he is likely to be even more formidable with this team.

Meadows also has a useful four, with Tommy Hunter of the Police as No. 1 and Eric Curtis and Jimmie Jack. Steven, former Civil Service senior No. 3, will be in charge of the third rink.

Kowloop Tong will be without Spary for their match against K.C.C. and Willie Howard will make his League debut in a serious match that is—as a skip. Balance is the keynote of the team, as is apparent in the fact that Harry Gittins, for many years a skip, will be lead to Howard. A. Madar is the only newcomer of note and should prove a very useful acquisition. I gather that Hsu is not playing to-morrow as he has been unable to get in any practice.

Cricket Club will be without many of the old faces, notably Alec Mackenzie and Alec Pearce, but Frank Goodwin should strengthen them considerably.

I am sorry to say that I have been unable to secure any information regarding Prison Officers, who, Third Division champions last year, make their debut in

There should be a higher standard in Third Division but I cannot pretend to be in a position to comment on the teams until they have been in action.

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FAIRY AUK FAVOURED FOR MACAO MAIN EVENT

Big Dollar Sweep To Be Decided

By "Rapier"

Macao Jockey Club will hold their May meeting at the Areia Preta Race Course, Macao, on Sunday and the first bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m., the first race starting punctually at 3.00 p.m.

There are altogether five events on the programme, and it is expected that many racing enthusiasts from Hong Kong will make the trip. The s.s. "SAI ON" will leave Hong Kong on Sunday at 8.00 a.m. and will return from Macao on Monday at 3.00 a.m.

The principal race of the day will be "The Chairman's Cup," and a special \$1.00 Sweep has been organised in connection with this event.

RACE NO. 1 THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

The day's programme opens with a sprint event for "E" Class China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club. Piet Hein (Mr. Botelho), for winning the Chinshan Handicap (Six furlongs) at the last meeting, has again been allotted top-weight of 159 lb. and in view of that success, I believe it will win again.

Dow-Jones (Mr. Pan) was a short head behind in the above race and, given a good start, may turn the tables. National Success (Mr. K. I. Ip), winner of the Szechuen Handicap (First section) over this distance, must also command attention.

However, I feel that the most dangerous contender here is Lancashire Chap (Mr. Chao). Its chances of winning are by no means negligible as the pony is quite fast in a sprint race.

Piet Hein is my selection, with Dow Jones second and National Success third.

RACE NO. 2 THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

Second section "E" Class China ponies of Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race, which is another sprint affair, and in view of its second placing to King's Worthy in the Republican Handicap (Second section) over six furlongs, Hopetful Time, if taken out by a strong jockey, should have no difficulty in accounting for this race.

Mac's Adventure (Mr. Botelho), which won the Chinshan Handicap (Third section), will probably take second place, and National Anthem (Mr. S. W. Pan) should not find it too difficult to take the other minor place.

RACE NO. 3 THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

Another sprint race for the third section of "E" Class China ponies will fight out the issue here. Judging from the entries, Eagle is the best recommendation for a win here in view of its success in the Shekki Plate (Six furlongs) at the last meeting. It has been given top-weight of 158 lb., but as it will be ridden by Mr. W. N. Yeh, it will have an allowance of 5 lb.

The Mermaid (Mr. S. W. Pan), which was second in the above race, may not be able to win, but it should be near at the finish, while Cloudy Star (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), with only 141 lb. to carry on account of the 5 lb. allowance for a novice jockey, looks dangerous and an upset from this direction is possible.

My nominations are Eagle to win, with The Mermaid second and Cloudy Star third.

RACE NO. 4 THE NAM WAN HANDICAP—SIX FURLONGS

The entries in this race come from China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" Class, and it appears to me that Lovely Star (Mr. Botelho), winner of the Lingnan Handicap (Five furlongs) in record time at the last meeting, should have no difficulty in carrying off the first prize. Next best pony is Portrush, winner of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second section) at the Valley during the Easter Meeting, which will be taken out by Mr. Chang, while West Lake, if taken out by Mr. Chao, should also be in the picture.

My choice is Lovely Star to win, with Portrush second and West Lake third.



RACE NO. 5 THE CHAIRMAN'S CUP—ONE MILE

This, the last race of the day, is the main event and is a handicap for "Y" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club that have started at a race meeting during 1940.

On the result of this race the big \$1.00 Sweep depends. Fairy Auk (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) won the Lung Chen Handicap (One mile) at the last meeting carrying 144 lb. on account of 5 lb. allowance, whereas if again taken out by this jockey on Sunday it will only be penalised by another 3 lb., which I think should not prevent it from winning again.

However, it should receive stern opposition from Fairy Ousel, the second pony in the above race, which will again be taken out by Mr. Botelho although carrying the same weight of 159 lb. Its chances of winning are not altogether out of the question as it was only a length behind in the previous race. For third place Meadow Eye (Mr. Chao) and Hogmanay (Mr. Chang) should fight out the issue.

TAIL SEEN AS IMPORTANT IN HORSE RACING

Now I'm positive there's nothing new in racing.

Just when Ben Jones had sold me on the idea that long tails had something to do with it, Whirlaway was flattened out like Gus Dorazio, writes a correspondent from New York.

Now when Ben Jones tells you that long tails permit horses to protect themselves from something other than tantalising flies, a bloke is likely to listen.

After all, Whirlaway was the best and leading money-winning juvenile of 1940. The son of Blenheim II-Dust, Whirl belongs to Warren Wright, the baking powder king who has some 40 odd nags quartered at Haleah. Jones, the old Missouri farmer, brought Lawrin down in front in the Kentucky Derby.

Long Tail

No horse running at present has a tail as long as Whirlaway which until the aforementioned pancaking — by four-and-a-half lengths — was one of the winter book favourites for the Kentucky Derby.

Whirlaway's appendage measures five feet, has a golden colour and is as fine as silk. It has the care of a special groom, whose sole duty is to brush and wash the hair daily. The swipe is forbidden to swing a comb, lest some of the precious hair be pulled out.

Tail Means Plenty

"Many a race has been won because of a lengthy tail," said Ben Jones, before his noble animal ran into the Shadybrook Farm pair, Agricole and Cadmium, the other afternoon. "While running, the tail naturally comes on a level with the horse's back and, waving about, it prevents horses coming from behind from getting too close on either side and cutting down the horse in front. There would be less accidents on the track if tails were left as long as nature intended them to be."

Now I'm afraid that Trainer Jones, with all his experience, has running horses mixed with show horses. The show ring is the place for the curvycomb.

Despite Ben Jones' theory, the old school knows best.

The only part of a horse where length is advantageous is the nose, and he'd better have it up there at the wire or else stick out his tongue.

GUEST GIVES PAGH A RUN FOR HIS MONEY

By "Adrem"

M. Pagh, the holder, and C. H. R. Oxlade entered the final of the Club singles championship on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday when they beat Capt. R. E. Guest and Lt. F. W. Carter respectively.

PATERSON RATED WORLD BEATER

In Jackie Paterson, tough little "south-paw" from Glasgow, Britain probably possesses the best flyweight in the world.

He definitely established himself as the best at his weight in Great Britain when he retained his British and Empire championships by beating Paddy Ryan, of Manchester, in eight rounds at Nottingham.

Americans have rated Paterson as the leading challenger for the vacant world title, but the Scot realises that before he can achieve his ambition of fighting for this, there is another and greater fight to be won.

"It's a bit idle thinking about the world title yet," he told Reuter after his victory over Ryan. "I have heard about the Americans' best flyweight, Little Dado, and I should very much like to meet him, but I am of military age, and in any case I have got another job on at the moment that takes all my time—helping to build ships."

A Brilliant Future

However, Paterson is young enough—he is not yet 21—to make up for lost time when the greatest battle of all time is over, and he can look forward to a brilliant future. Paterson is working in the shipyards, and rivetting and welding seem to have sharpened his sense of timing and given him greater punching power.

Ryan, a private in the Army, went thirteen rounds with Paterson in Glasgow in September, 1939, when the latter won the British and Empire titles for the first time by knocking him out. But his latest contest never looked like going as far. Paterson, with his right arm and foot forward, had the initiative all the time, and was punching so much more crisply and so much the harder that there was never any doubt about the result long before the finish. The champion's terrific left swings brought out old cuts above Ryan's eyes, and in the sixth round Paterson, with a right to the chin, knocked Ryan right through the ropes and on to the floor.

Terrific Battering

Ryan, after gathering his senses, managed to climb back as the count reached nine, but for the next few minutes he took a terrific battering and only his will power and dogged determination kept him going. By the eighth round he had practically no defence at all, and his manager and chief showed the towel to the referee who intervened to save Ryan from a certain knock-out.

Paterson, since he has been champion, has improved both in punching power and toughness, and at the moment he stands supreme in his class. He has not much boxing ability yet—that will come later—but what he lacks in this he makes up for in the power of his punch.

More surprising, however, was Paterson's use of his right hand. For a man who stands as he does, "the wrong way round," this is usually a defensive weapon, but he used it as a straight punch to the jaw and troubled Ryan with it on innumerable occasions.

Paterson succeeds a great line of Scottish champions such as Johnny Hill, Elky Clark and Benny Lynch, but he is not yet within striking distance of the latter as a complete champion. Reuter.

Pagh won 6-3, 6-4 and Oxlade's score was 6-3, 6-1.

Guest, on his display yesterday, would not have won a prize for fluency of stroke but he played a particularly thrustful game that gave Pagh some unhappy moments and which would probably have met with some success against a player less consistent.

In the first set Guest went away like a house on fire and, mixing his shots well and making good use of spin, he took a 3-0 lead and bid fair to break up Pagh's game. The champion, however, then settled down and swept the sidelines with powerful drives on both hands. Guest was not able to stand up to a long rally and Pagh reeled off six games in a row, after breaking through in the fourth game of the set in the face of fierce opposition from Guest.

Although Guest took four games in the second set, he did not play as well as he had been doing earlier. Pagh was very inconsistent with his serving and, having established his superiority, went for shots that I feel certain he would not have tried under different circumstances.

Pagh, in the course of the match, showed more confidence on the volley, and willingness to attack from the forecourt, than I have ever seen him display before. Oxlade beat Carter in a match of very low standard.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v Club de Recreio Away): J. A. D. Morrison, P. S. Cassidy, L. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip).

R. R. Davies, E. Hopes, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

L. A. R. Duncan, G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell and F. Goodwin (Skip).

Third Division (v Club de Recreio Home): P. Morrison, D. J. Valentine, E. S. Doughty and W. A. Cornell (Skip).

H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. R. Lambert, A. S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip).

J. C. Haig, L. E. N. Ryan, J. B. Gilroy and A. McKellar (Skip).

T.D.R.C.

Friendly (v H.K. Electric Home): E. E. Wilson, F. S. Thomson, J. J. Whyte and J. C. Chalmers (Skip).

F. J. Jeacock, H. Kew, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip).

W. G. McKie, D. Coull, C. Bovaird and J. A. Watson (Skip).

Reserves: A. MacArthur, and L. Gibson.

K.F.C.

Second Division (v H.K.F.C. Home): W. Lapsley, V. Attenza, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (Skip).

N. Naef, A. L. Eastman, E. Kern and T. Youngusband (Skip).

A. Dand, C. Dowman, J. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C. Away): Cross, Thompson, MacIntyre and Ogden (Skip).

Williams, Frost, Abbas and Smalley (Skip).

Woodcock, S. C. Wong, Fuller and Evans (Skip).

Reserve: W. Ogley.

C.O.C.

First Division (v Recreation "A"): J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).

A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Bana and U. M. Omar (Skip).

Y. A. Razaek, W. K. Wey, J. S. Lahdolt and C. S. Rosselet (Skip).

Second Division (v Prison Officers Club): L. Gaddi, W. E. Broadbridge, G. S. Ladd and T. L. Lock (Skip).

(D. A. Rozario, A. E. S. Alves, L. E. Lammert and M. J. Medina (Skip).

S. R. Solina, H. G. Forinan, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).

Third Division (v Kowloon B.C.C.): W. J. Curd, A. Kitchell, Dr. C. W. Loh and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip).

L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. Delgado and A. J. Coelho (Skip).

E. J. Todd, F. Lee, F. K. Modi and J. Pau (Skip).

K.D.R.C.

First Division (v Kowloon Bowling Green Home): J. Vanderley, W. Mackie, W. Houston and J. Kompt (Skip).

R. H. A. Lapsley, W. McMaster, H. G. Cooper and T. Coleman (Skip).

J. V. Ramany, M. Ferguson, F. Culen and R. Morrison (Skip).

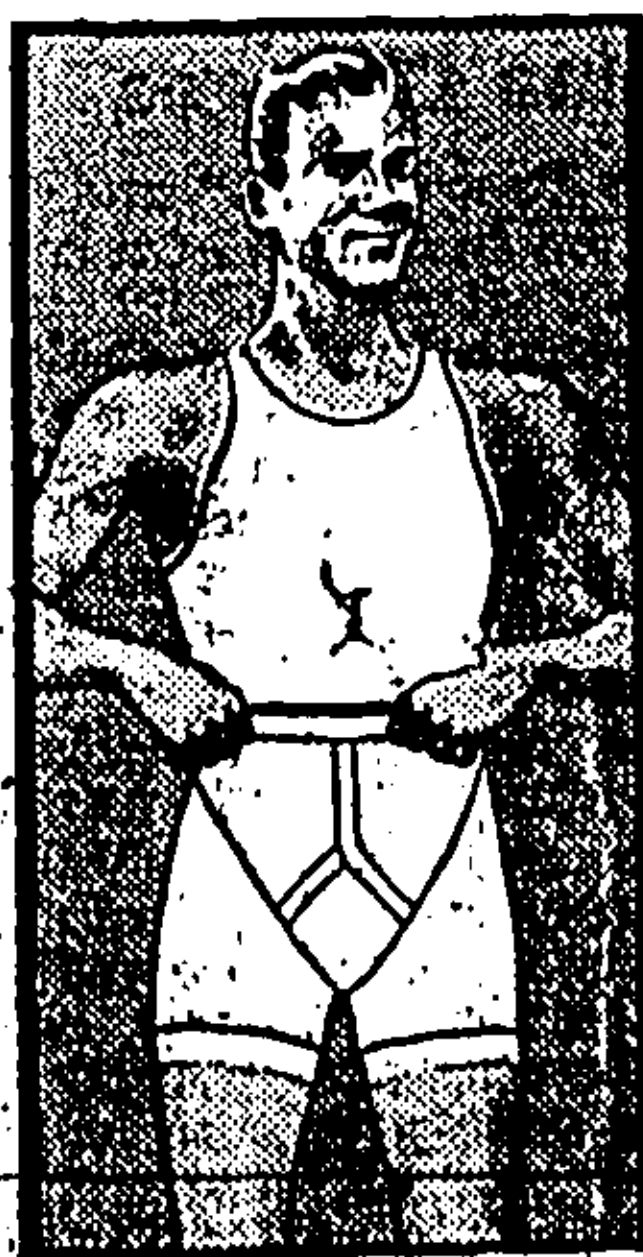


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Miss Khoo Plays Game Of Life

By "Adrem"

Badminton in Hong Kong reached hitherto unattained heights at Kowloon Cricket Club last night, when a crowd every bit as large as that present on Tuesday, watched the concluding series of matches in the Colony championships.

Newcomer Choy Kok-wah might have taken the most coveted title -- the senior singles championship—but the palm goes to the popular P. K. Hooi, who, with Miss Khoo, won the mixed title, and in partnership with H. F. Chew, the men's doubles crown. Hooi did not take part in the tournament last year, but for the previous two seasons he achieved the coveted feat of winning all three major titles.

In previous badminton programmes in the course of the tournament just concluded, there have been very good matches interspersed with very bad ones. Last night, however, the three matches were all first-class entertainment value, while the men's doubles produced a standard in some of the rallies which must have been, as Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce remarked later, bordering on first class.

That Choy did not meet with much success is in no way a reflection on his skill or fighting capabilities. At various periods in both matches he very nearly beat the opposition off his own racket, but whereas his terrific smash and powerful clearing shots are so deadly in the singles game, at doubles they can be countered and, with two such fine combinations as Hooi and Miss Khoo, and Hooi and Chew, countered they were.

Difficult To Report

It is difficult to put into cold words a report of the men's doubles match which wound up the evening: the "bird" flashing from side to side of the net and brilliant shot being countered with equal brilliancy. At times, the excitement reached such a pitch that spectators' the staidest of them could scarce forbear to cheer before the rally was finished.

In the first game, with Low showing some signs of nervousness, Hooi and Chew won at 15-7 although they had to fight hard for every point. In the second game, Choy played brilliantly and he and Low levelled the issues by winning at 15-11 after a great struggle in which their opponents tried hard to score in straight games.

In the final game, Low struck his best form, playing some brilliant shot, at the net and smashing accurately for outright points. When Choy and Low led 9-2 and later 11-3 it all appeared to be over, but Hooi and Chew then revealed their fighting capabilities and slowly crept up.

At this stage the terrific effort he had been called upon to make in both his matches was beginning to have some effect on Choy, who made errors that hitherto he had not been seen to make, and slowly the opposition crept up, eventually to "settle" at 13.

Amid great excitement, Hooi and Chew drew first blood and after service had changed hands several times without result, they went on to 4-1 and then won the game and set when Hooi caught

Choy off balance with a clearing service that left him standing.

Deadly Smash

Choy was easily the best man on the court but there were occasions when I thought he was assuming too much of the play. His smash was invariably deadly and his short game accurate but his much-boasted backhand drive down the sideline did not register once.

Low's positional work was also not all that it should have been but he played very well indeed.

He was rarely caught with anything that it was possible to get to and he more than matched Chew with his drops. I particularly liked his smash, as although it was not spectacular, it was well-placed and very crisp.

Hooi was sound in every department except service and it was his accuracy with his service that nearly cost the match. His courtcraft was excellent, while overhead he was decisive.

Chew played some of the most subtle shots of the four but he was inclined to overdo his angled drops, failing with these quite as many times as he scored.

His stroke-equipment is very complete and on his form in his last two matches he is probably the finest doubles player in the Colony.

With Miss Khoo playing the game of her life and on occasions even standing up to Choy's smash, Miss Khoo and Hooi were at all times superior to Choy and Mrs. Castro, although the latter pair had quite a long lead in the early part of the first game.

Mrs. Castro had an unhappy match and appeared to be nervous and it was her errors that cost her the match as Choy never gave up trying.

Dour Match

The junior singles was a dour affair with neither player giving an inch. Sound methods were pursued rather than the brilliant

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

MIXED DOUBLES
P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro, 15-12, 15-9.

JUNIOR SINGLES
T. S. Young beat A. L. Fisher, 12-15, 15-9, 15-12.

SENIOR DOUBLES
P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew beat K. W. Choy and K. B. Low, 15-7, 11-15, 18-14.

and consequently the rallies were never spectacular but throughout the three games, one man was always fighting against great odds and this maintained interest.

Young started off like a house on fire and led 7-1 before Fisher scored his first ace. At 11-6 Young looked certain to take the game but Fisher staged a magnificent rally and, playing fine defensive badminton in which he was content to win points on Young's errors, he made up the deficit to go out at 15-12.

Fisher had some difficulty with a fast shuttle in the second game and Young had secured a useful lead before he had it changed.

With Young at 11-3, it appeared to me that Fisher was prepared to concede the game and throw all his reserves into a big effort to take the decider. When Young made a series of changes however Fisher evidently changed his mind and he contested every point bitterly and made up a great deal of arrears before Young won the game.

With the K.C.C. player at 9-4 in the final game it all appeared to be over but once again came a rally from Young, who played some daring shots to emerge a deserving winner.

At the conclusion of the programme of matches the prizes for the season were presented by Mrs. T. E. Pearce.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

S. A. Rumbach v Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED

DOUBLES

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (4/6) v J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (15) (4)

QUIST SHOWED SURPRISE

Play in the patriotic exhibition tennis matches at Rushcutter Bay courts recently provided a contrast, writes a correspondent from Sydney.

Scintillating tennis marked the match in which J. Crawford beat D. Pails, but the other games were disappointing.

A. K. Quist was in excellent touch to lead J. E. Bromwich, 5-1, in their singles contest. At 5-2 on his own service, Quist went to 30-15.

In the next rally Bromwich hit a ball which cleared the baseline by about four inches. Quist made no attempt to return the shot, and showed surprise when the point was given against him. He lost the set 8-6, and the next set 6-4.

Quist did not play his customary game in the doubles in which his partner was Pails. Crawford and Bromwich won the first set 7-5, and the second with the loss of two games. Only the super stroke was beyond Crawford's ability, and Bromwich supported him soundly. Pails fought hard, but Quist seemed to lose interest.

Speed characterised the match between J. H. Crawford and D. Pails, which Crawford won. Crawford, who kept an excellent length, placing his shots with rare discernment, and using the wind with all his former judgment, was in control throughout the first. He kept his opponent on the run, and rarely gave him opportunity to come to the net.

Contesting each point stubbornly and attacking his opponent's backhand, Pails gained the upper hand to win the second set. When he had gained a 3-1 lead in the third set, Pails looked the winner, but Crawford made a gallant stand. He out-generalised his younger opponent, and won the deciding set amidst great applause. The ovation was well deserved.

RESULTS

J. H. Crawford beat D. Pails, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. J. E. Bromwich beat A. K. Quist, 8-6, 6-4. J. H. Crawford v A. K. Quist, postponed.
J. H. Crawford and J. E. Bromwich beat A. K. Quist and D. Pails, 7-5, 6-2.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Path Of Stroke

By BEST BALL

The actual arc of Bobby Jones club head arc is illustrated above as revealed by the split second camera. Naturally it is pretty hard for the average player to visualise the path of his own stroke but following, as well as possible, such a pattern, as that shown above, will have a beneficial effect. Naturally everyone cannot make his backstroke so complete that the clubhead will reach the low point, below the horizontal, shown here but some effort can be made to maintain its width.

This means that the club must be pushed back with an extended left arm, and the greatest value of this method lies in the hitting area within eighteen inches of the ball. It is at this point in the downswing that the clubhead should pursue a path close to the ground and parallel to it, so that contacting the ball in this area at any point, will result in a well hit shot.

Next Article: — Direction Change.



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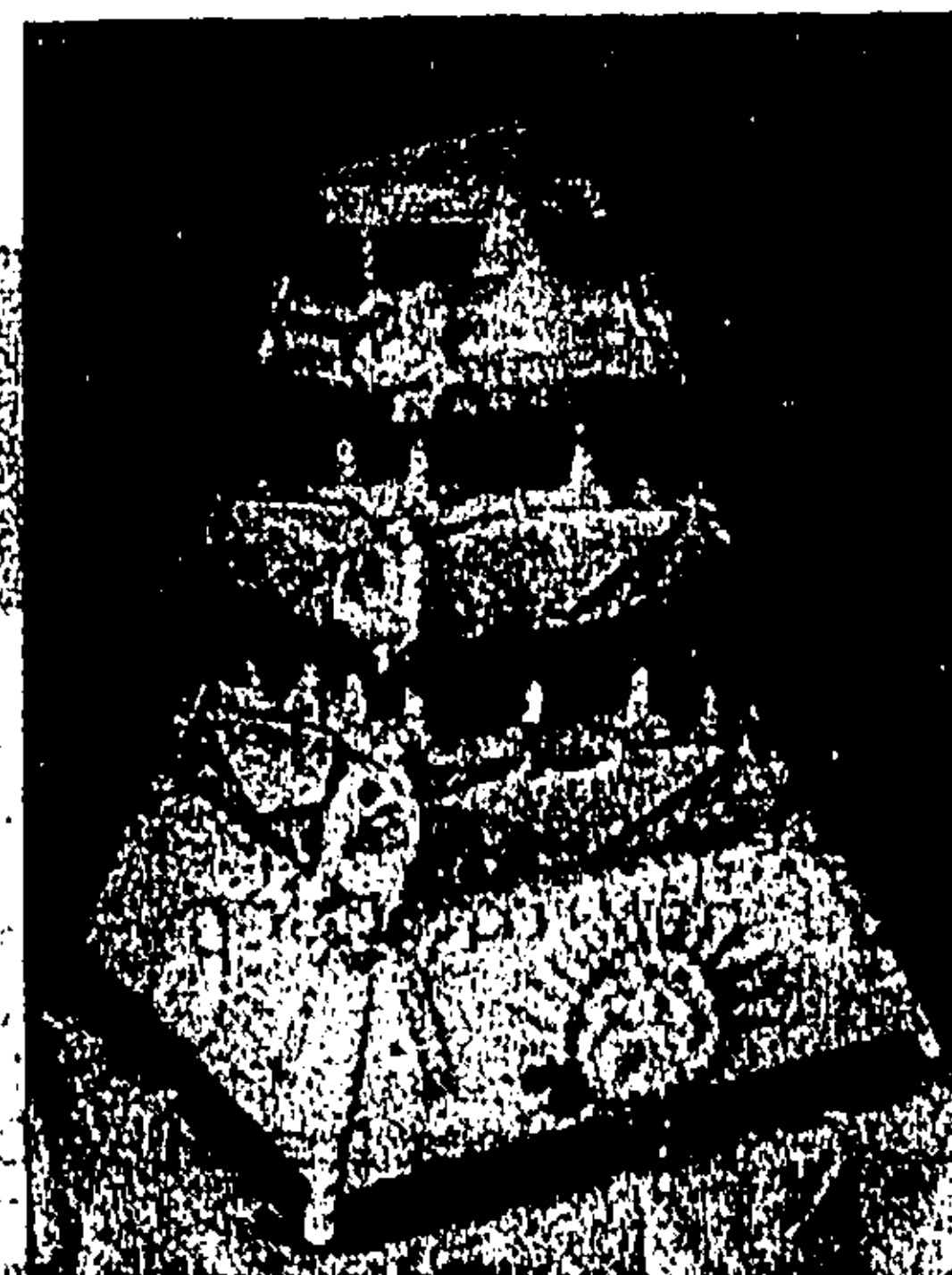
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SITUATION OUT OF HERR HITLER'S CONTROL

Dragged Along By His Own War Machine

AXIS RUSE IN EGYPT?

A prediction that the main attack by the Axis forces against Egypt will come from inland points, was made yesterday by Colonel Bratt, the Swedish military expert.

Writing in the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter," he says it is hardly conceivable that the enemy operations round Sollum represent a serious resumption of their offensive.

"They are more likely intended to hold the British there and elsewhere on the coast while air bases are organised and preparations made for an attack from the south."

COL. BRATT SAYS THE OUTCOME OF THE BALKANS CAMPAIGN WAS NEVER IN DOUBT ONCE IT WAS REALISED TURKEY WOULD NOT INTERVENE.—REUTER.

INDIAN TECHNICAL TRAINING

THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD'S TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRE AT KACHIGUDE, ONE OF NINE SELECTED BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO TURN OUT 2,000 MECHANICS A YEAR FOR THE INDIAN AIR FORCE, HAS SHOWN EXCELLENT RESULTS, SAYS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The scheme is working out as

Dr. Benes On Settlement After War

THE PRIME NECESSITY for a constructive settlement at the end of the present war, in order to avoid still another European war, was stressed by Dr. Edouard Benes, the Czech President, in an interview published in the Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland" in London yesterday.

Hitler, stated Dr. Benes, was no longer able to control events; the German dictator was driven or dragged along by his own war machine.

He must act but his acts cannot change his inevitable fate — defeat.

"The Germans must go back to the old borders—the borders before the invasion of Austria."

"I BELIEVE IN A LONG ARMISTICE OF TWO OR THREE YEARS, IN WHICH ALL WOULD BE REGULATED THAT AROSE FROM THE WAR SO AS TO MAKE FINAL PEACE CONSTRUCTIVE."

Dr. Benes declared the Sudetenland would again become part of Czechoslovakia but European, American and Russian aid was desired in organising a final settlement. —REUTER.

planned by the civil aviation department, and Hyderabad candidates, between the ages of 18 and 32, provide enthusiastic personnel. —REUTER.

PLYMOUTH TORNADO OF HATE

(Continued from Page 1)

own affairs.

"I see," said, "that they have got most of our boys out of Greece. It takes a long time to get the British Empire together but that man is beaten already, yet he does not know it."

This typifies the spirit of these wonderful people.

Groping over ruined buildings I felt like a jackal, I had to see the stark reality of Hitler's conception of war and I was a "Paul Pry."

Against the spirit of Plymouth this was an unenviable task. Watching people salvage what belongings remained from their homes I felt emotionally exhausted. Hearing their comments on this violent blitzkrieg I was emotionally uplifted.

Not A Tear

In this aperture of stark tragedy—in this smoke-ridden miasma—I have not seen a single tear. Instead these people smile—and already they are discussing among themselves how they shall repair their city.

They go to the blitzed Guildhall and there survey the lists of dead and missing; they shrug their shoulders and curse Hitler. So much for the breaking of morale!

There are some people here in Plymouth who are carrying bundles. While the man of the household will cart away some cherished household possessions the wife has in her arms the children.

Sleeping On The Moors

Some have had to take to the surrounding moors. They sleep there with insecurity, with the most meagre of covering, and in the day they return to Plymouth.

Notwithstanding their agony they board the buses of Plymouth in high good humour, and Hitler has not yet been able to destroy that singularly British institution—the queue.

EVEN IN THEIR SORROW THIS PEOPLE RETAIN THEIR SENSE OF SEMLINESS AND ORDERLINESS.

I doff my hat to the civil authorities of this amazing city. Notwithstanding Hitler's pounding there is food in plenty.

Prodigy Of Effort

It may be that a shop has no front or back or no wall but on the site, butcher, baker and candlestick maker continue to ply their trade.

The people of Plymouth have electric light, gas and water—a prodigy of effort on the part of those whose task it was to meet a situation of overwhelming ghastliness.

Plymouth presents a wonder-

CHANGES IN THE CHURCHILL GOVERNMENT

Changes in the Churchill Government were announced in London last night.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, becomes Minister of State.

Col. Moore-Brabazon, Minister of Transport, becomes Minister of Air Production.

Mr. Lathers is appointed combined Minister of Shipping and Transport.

Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping goes to Australia as High Commissioner. —REUTER.

STOP PRESS

ful picture. There is no sign of strain on the faces of the people, who must necessarily continue their shopping.

Still Chic

Girls are still chic—the men still rustically spruce.

But listen to the conversation of the girls.

"We are not afraid of parachutists. Let them touch the ground and we will deal with them."

These women, too, talk of how they gave succour to one another.

"Your need is greater than mine," is the tenor of their back-chat.

In summing up, should these women ever have an opportunity of obtaining a personal interview with Hitler, Heaven help him! —REUTER.

DEFENCE DRIVE IN AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

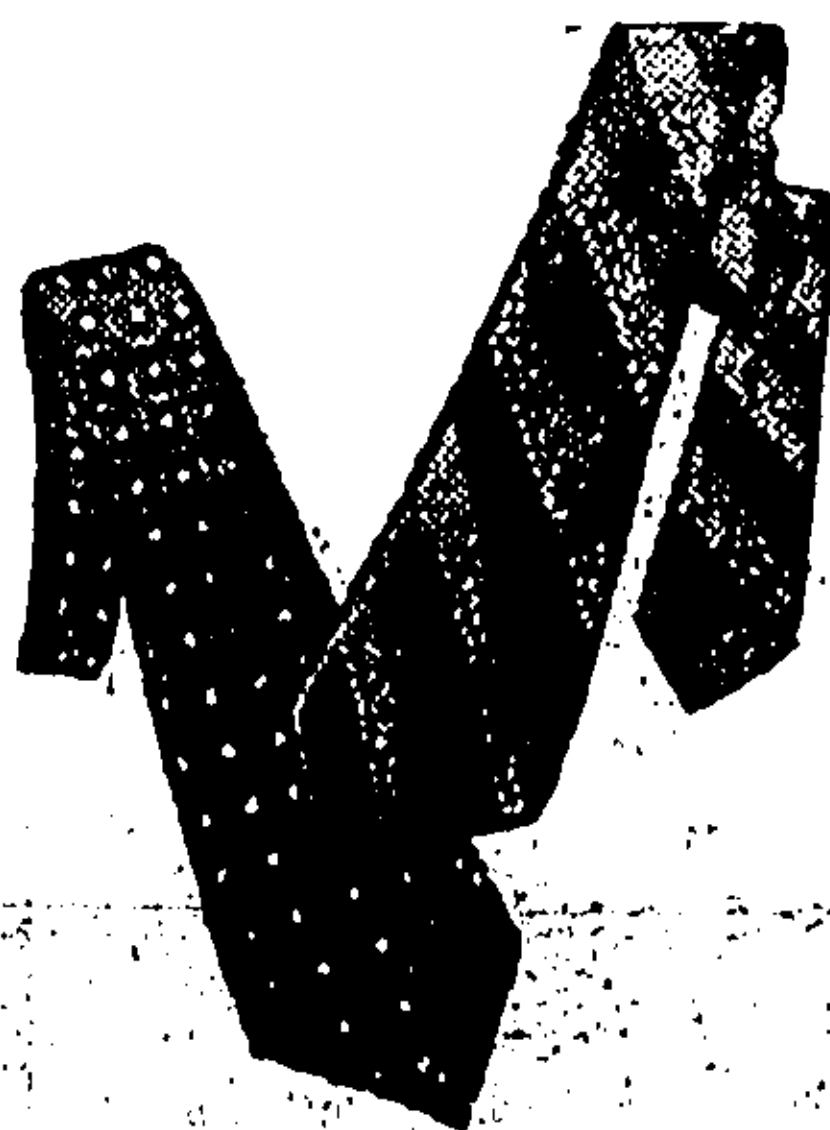
The Vice-President, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, urged in Washington yesterday an unprecedented defence production because "the issue of slavery or war will be forced upon us, as it has been forced on others." — International News Service.

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BRITAIN MARSHALS FORCE TO DEFEND OIL

CONVOY DEMAND IN SENATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Senator Guffy, of Pennsylvania, speaking in the U.S. Senate yesterday, demanded that the U.S. Navy convoy war materials destined for Britain, "at least to mid-Atlantic," as a step short of war in defence of the western hemisphere.

He said he doubted German submarines would attack American warships, but if they did so the United States would not be at fault.

SENATOR GUFFY'S APPEAL IS CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT AND POSSIBLY INDICATES THAT OTHER ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWERS WILL DECLARE THEMSELVES FOR OUTRIGHT CONVOYS.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

SOVIET GIVES WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In a speech in the Russian capital yesterday, M. Timoshenko gave a warning that Russia is ready against any invader.

"The Imperialistic forces of the world" said the Commissar, "are warned to keep their hands off Russia. The armies of Soviet Russia are ready to meet any attack."

An Ankara report states that the Soviet Minister to Turkey has left the Turkish capital for an undisclosed destination.

It is stated that Russia and Turkey are in close consultation regarding a possible Nazi attack and plans for joint action are being made in case of that eventuality.—International News Service.

GENERAL MOTORS' DISPUTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The President of General Motors Corporation, before leaving Detroit for Washington, said the wage dispute had resolved into the question how much the Corporation was willing to pay to avoid a strike.

He said the Union refused to

Big Contingent Arrives In Iraq

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITAIN HAS RAPIDLY MARSHALLED HER STILL INTACT MIDDLE EASTERN FORCES TO DEFEND THE MOSUL OIL-FIELDS AND SUEZ AFTER THE LANDING OF A SECOND BIG CONTINGENT OF EXPEDITIONARY TROOPS IN IRAQ, DESPITE A PROTEST FROM THE BAGHDAD GOVERNMENT.

Strong supply bases are being established in Iraq and communication lines are being improved, according to authoritative London sources, in preparation to speed help for the forces in Palestine and Turkey, or even French-mandated Syria in the event of a German attack.

At the same time British troops are policing the Mosul oil-fields and the pipe feeding the Mediterranean Fleet through Haifa has been heavily reinforced.

The Iraq Government objected to the landing of additional British forces in Basra until all the forces landed on April 17/18 had been moved to the interior.

Ultimatum Alleged

The British deemed this a violation of the Anglo-Iraq Assistance Pact, which calls for all possible facilities for the landing and transit of British troops on Iraq soil.

Meanwhile German quarters in Budapest allege that the Iraq Government has served Britain with an ultimatum demanding the removal of British troops from Iraq territory within a fortnight.—International News Service.

EFFECTIVE SHIPPING AID ESSENTIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was learned in Washington yesterday, in connection with the U.S. agreement to supply Britain with 50 tankers, that the British Government has informed the U.S. that Britain's main chance of survival this year against the mounting Axis onslaught lies in immediate, large-scale and effective American aid in countering Britain's shipping losses.—International News Service.

Hunger Riots' Menace

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WARNED OF MASS HUNGER RIOTS IF THE PRICE RISES CONTINUE, THE SHANGHAI COUNCIL HAS VIRTUALLY GONE INTO THE RICE BUSINESS IN OPPOSITION TO SPECULATORS BY RECEIVING SOLE RIGHTS TO IMPORT RICE FROM HONG KONG.

The grain will be distributed through two foreign firms not ordinarily dealing in rice and will be sold at prices greatly below the present "unwarranted level."

Agreement was reached with the Hong Kong authorities after long negotiations.—International News Service.

accept increases totalling \$15,000,000 a year for 250,000 employees, and the dispute had been certified to the Defence Mediation Board.—International News Service.

NORWAY'S SHIPPING LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Norway has lost 159 vessels aggregating 562,000 tons since the beginning of the war, according to an announcement by the Royal Norwegian Government in London.

Fatalities as a result of the loss amounted to 997 persons, including passengers and crews.—International News Service.

STABILISATION FROM HONG KONG

It is learned in London that Mr. Cyril Rogers, of the Anglo-Chinese Stabilisation Fund Committee, has not yet been formally nominated as British representative on the new Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board, although it has been definitely decided to nominate him.

City circles welcomed this step. It is understood the Board will continue to operate mainly from Hong Kong.—Reuter.

SAVAGE TOBRUK FIGHTING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Savage fighting is reported to be raging along the fringes of Tobruk, where British troops are struggling to keep the port from falling into the hands of powerful Italo-German armoured forces which broke through the outer defences.

The fierce battle being waged 80 miles west of the Libyan-Egyptian border brought to a climax the three-week siege of Tobruk.

There is heavy aerial participation on both sides, and R.A.F. bombers and fighters are reported to have wrought heavy casualties on Axis troops and equipment in Libya.

Nazi Air Attacks

Berlin yesterday claimed intensified air attacks against Crete and Tobruk, which, the Nazis say, marks the transition of the Balkan campaign to the next stage in the eastern Mediterranean struggle.

The heavy bombing of Crete, the Nazis boast, foreshadows a drive to "blast out the British" from the island.—International News Service.

GREEK TROOPS ALSO GET AWAY

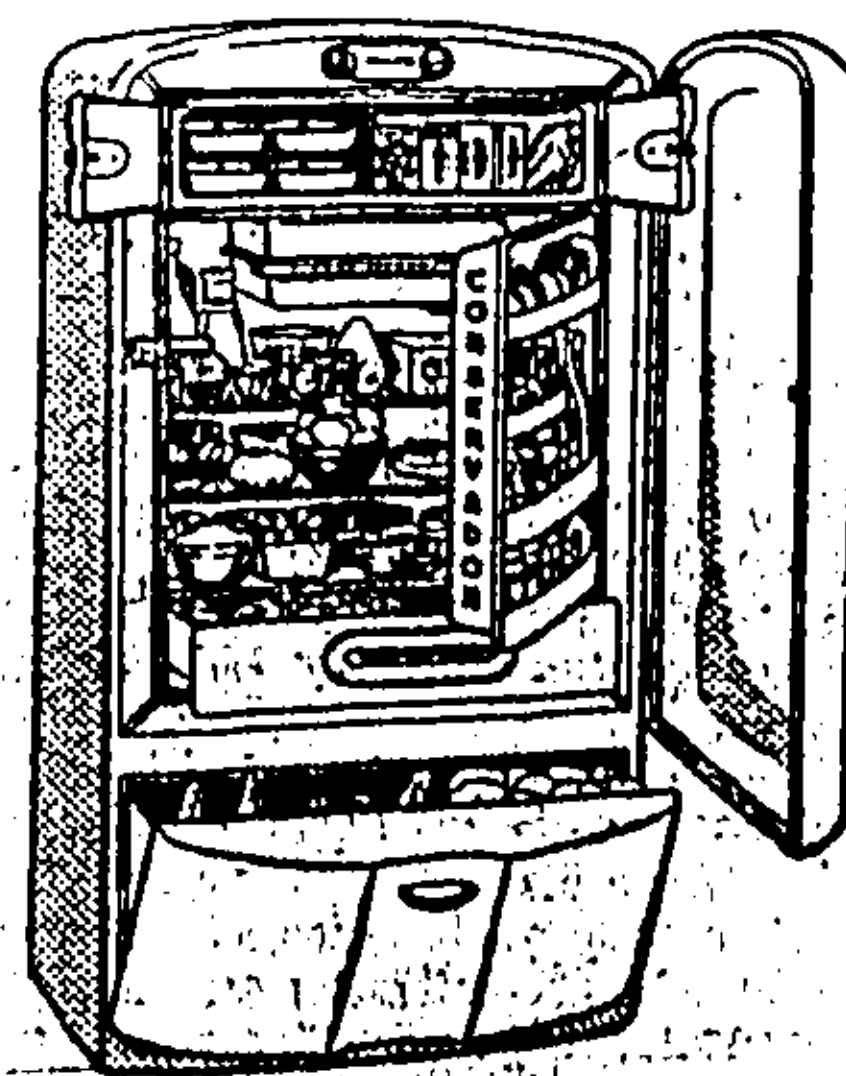
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS DISCLOSED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY THAT AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF GREEK TROOPS CAME TOGETHER WITH THE IMPERIAL FORCES WHEN THE LATTER EVACUATED GREECE.

All Greeks who wished to leave with Imperial forces were able to do so, it was stated.

In London, it was stated that over 48,000 out of 60,000 men have so far been withdrawn from Greece and are now being re-equipped for service in other parts.—International News Service.

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AMERICAN AID FOR EXILED GOVERNMENTS

WHOLE-HEARTED United States support of the exiled Governments of Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium was emphasised in a striking speech by Mr. Anthony Drexel Biddle, U.S. Ambassador to these countries, at an English Speaking Union reception in London yesterday.

Mr. Biddle said: "My presence emphasises not only the tragedies of war but the determination of these Governments to maintain the freedom and independence of their nations."

COMRADES IN ARMS

British troops left the Greek mainland amidst moving demonstrations by the local inhabitants.

The cordial comradeship between the Greek Army and the Imperial forces during the battle was emphasised yesterday in Greek circles at Canea (Crete), and several examples of this brotherhood in arms were cited.

Despite intense German air bombing and the destruction of Greek towns the population had learnt well one of the chief lessons of the Battle of France.

It was stated they obeyed instructions, preserved complete self-control and avoided the obstruction of lines of communication.

The British evacuation was materially assisted by their behaviour.—Reuter.

THE CIVIL ESTIMATES

The total £534,298,535 Civil Estimates, announced by the Treasury, represents a net increase of £11,755,947 on the 1940 figures.

Actual increase of revenue department is £13,325,300 but there is a decrease of £1,569,413 in non-revenue civil estimates.

Provision is included in the estimates for a temporary staff employed as substitutes for men serving with the Forces or engaged on war work.

Largest increase is £13,870,000 under the head of supplementary pensions, due to the estimate being based on the passing of the Determination of Needs Bill.—British Wireless.

MOSCOW REPEATS ALLEGATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Columbia Broadcasting Corporation in New York yesterday heard Moscow radio, reiterate in several different languages the report that German troops had arrived in Finland. The Moscow station made no comment.—International News Service.

"At the same time it enables my Government, which does not accept the doctrine that an occupying power acquires the right to enjoy the fruits of aggression, to give renewed evidence of its desire to maintain close contact with these Governments, besides being a sign of America's appreciation of the gallant way in which these Governments are conducting their activities on the soil of their ally, Britain."

After describing President Roosevelt's statement on Wednesday night as a clear and complete statement of policy, Mr. Biddle recalled that "America has her roots in a wholesome blend of the liberty-loving elements of all nations."

Stronghold Of Liberty

"Now Britain, this great English-speaking country, stronghold of liberty and courage, by according friendly hospitality to the gallant Governments and armed forces of her Allies, has made possible here a thorough melting-pot of solemn determination to keep this world a humane, liberal and decent place to live in."

Lord Willingdon, who recently headed a British goodwill mission to South America, introducing Mr. Biddle, paid a tribute to America and President Roosevelt's wholehearted support to Britain and her Allies in the struggle for freedom.—Reuter.

NUN KILLED ON LANTAU

A Chinese nun was killed when a gang of armed robbers fired a fusillade into a temple on Lantau Island last night.

The robbers reached the main entrance of the temple at 9 p.m. but were unable to enter since the door was heavily bolted from within.

The inmates refused to open and the robbers then discharged a fusillade into the temple with their rifles and revolvers, and one nun was killed and another wounded.

West Point Incident

Apparently with the object of committing suicide, a 61-year-old Chinese jumped from the roof of a two-story building in West Point yesterday and landed on an eight-year-old girl.

Both were removed to the Queen Mary Hospital, but are not in a serious condition.

INSURANCE DECREE

APPLIES ONLY TO JAPANESE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A further report received by marine underwriters in Shanghai clears up the situation surrounding news that London underwriters have ceased quoting rates for Hong Kong or Shanghai.

Actually the new measure applies only to Japanese steamers and vessels carrying cargo on Chungking account.

War risk quotations are not affected by the London ruling and local firms are continuing to follow rates quoted in London for this area.—International News Service.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA TACTICS

Rumours of intended British intervention in Spain and Portugal are devoid of foundation, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

They were put out by German propaganda agencies with the object of stirring up feeling against Britain among the Spanish and Portuguese peoples and of furthering German plans for penetration in the Iberian Peninsula.

It was the earnest hope of the British Government, Mr. Butler concluded, that these German plans would be frustrated and the Spaniards and Portuguese would be spared the miseries of war.—Reuter.

DOUGLAS BOMBERS IN A RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") AMERICAN-MADE DOUGLAS BOMBERS BLASTED GERMAN PORTS IN NORTHERN FRANCE. BUT FEW GERMAN RAIDERS APPEARED OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY.

A.A. defences were massed around shattered Plymouth, in the expectation of a third successive night raid, but the crews remained idle.

Douglas two-motored Havocs also attacked German planes which tried to cross the English coast.—International News Service.

NAVAL AID TO BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Col. Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, revealed yesterday that the U.S. will give Britain "quite a few mosquito torpedo-boats as rapidly as they are built."

He added the Navy had no other combatant vessels to spare. "In fact we haven't been asked for any."—International News Service.

DANISH GIFT TO BRITAIN

Danes in British Malaya have sent £1,993 to the Minister of Aircraft Production to celebrate the anniversary of the German occupation of their country.—British Wireless.

MR. MATSUOKA SLIGHTLY INDISPOSED

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is slightly indisposed.

Consequently a conference between the Cabinet and defence chiefs, scheduled for yesterday, had to be postponed.—Reuter.

Fifty Oil Tankers To Aid

Fifty oil tankers are to be placed in special service to aid Britain within the next few days by the United States Maritime Commission.

All operators of American tankers of over 5,000 tons are being asked to help in this.

The tentative plan does not call for the transfer of tankers' registry but for their use outside the war for the direct benefit of Britain.

They will carry oil from South American countries to North Atlantic ports, where the oil will be trans-shipped to British vessels.

The move is regarded as the Commission's first response to the appeal President Roosevelt made on Wednesday for two million tons of merchant shipping to be used to supply "all out aid for the Democracies."—Reuter.

TIN FOR SARDINES WITHHELD

Because no "satisfactory guarantee exists" that the tin will not find its way to Germany, supplies from America vital to Portugal's sardine industry are withheld under the export licensing restrictions.

The sardine season began yesterday but as many factories have only one week's supply of tin, this vital industry, valued at well over £2,000,000 annually, is threatened with ruin.

Britain is unable to supply tin but granted navicerts long ago.

The factory workers have already spent five months in virtual idleness and employers are facing bankruptcy as they are compelled to pay their regular staff three days a week whether they work or not. Casual workers receive nothing.

Fishermen regard the outlook as black. It was stated in Lisbon yesterday. The province of Algarve, most southerly in Portugal, has already spent the "winter in misery."—Reuter.

CHINESE GIRL AS QUEEN OF THE MAY

FOR THE FIRST TIME PROBABLY IN WEST OF ENGLAND HISTORY, A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHINESE GIRL, MURIEL WONG, WAS YESTERDAY CROWNED MAY QUEEN BY THE OVERWHELMING VOTE OF HER FELLOW-SCHOLARS.

Bedecked with flowers and attended by maids of honour, she was the centre of time-honoured ceremonies including songs and dances.—Reuter.

STRONG BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO GERMANY

BRITAIN HAS MADE strong representations to the German Government against reprisals taken against British war prisoners in Germany, although this is forbidden by the Prisoners of War Convention.

An official announcement in London yesterday stated news has reached the War Office that 500 British officer prisoners in Germany were moved to camps with inferior amenities on the grounds that conditions in an officer prisoners of war camp in Canada did not conform to the requirements of the Prisoners of War Convention.

The Canadian camp had, in fact, been favourably reported on by a delegate of the International Red Cross Committee, says the announcement.

Representatives of the protecting power and a delegate of the International Red Cross Committee reported that one camp to which the British had been transferred was overcrowded and in both camps hygienic conditions were unsatisfactory.

The overcrowding since had been relieved by the transfer of 150 officers to another camp, and orders were issued towards the end of March to carry out certain improvements in the camps after the Germans had received favourable reports on the Canadian camps from Switzerland.

The British representations were made through the protecting power.—Reuter.

385 AXIS PLANES SHOT DOWN

FIGURES FOR ENEMY AND BRITISH AIR LOSSES DURING APRIL, AS ANNOUNCED IN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE, ARE:—

Over Britain—Axis losses 112, R.A.F. losses 3.

Over Germany—Axis losses 18, R.A.F. losses 100.

Middle East—Axis losses 255, R.A.F. losses 61.

Altogether 87 of 112 enemy planes destroyed over Britain were shot down at night, of which 49 fell to night fighters, 38 to A.A. gunfire and three to unspecified means.—Reuter.

CONSIDERABLE CAPTURES AT DESSIE

Italian Collapse: Prepared For Strong Resistance

White Flag At Last Moment

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY DESCRIBES THE CAPTURE OF DESSIE AS A "CONSIDERABLE VICTORY," AS IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND GUNS CAPTURED THAT THE ITALIANS WERE DETERMINED TO MAKE A STRONG RESISTANCE.

The position at Komboltcha Pass, which was well dug and heavily wired, was covered by 28 guns, all of which were captured.

The position at Dessie was suited to all-round defence. It included 17 localities supported by seven forts and numerous strong points.

THE FINAL ATTACK TOOK PLACE WHEN MILITARY AND CIVIL OFFICERS APPROACHED FROM THE ENEMY LINES IN A WHITE-FLAGGED CAR AND AFTER SOME PARLEYING AGREED TO UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

After giving the total number of prisoners taken and guns captured the communique indicated that all the war material has not yet been assessed.

The evacuation of some civilians from Addis Ababa has begun, it was officially stated. — Reuter.

KING HANDLES TOMMY-GUN

THOUGH HE HAD NEVER BEFORE HANDLED A TOMMY-GUN, THE KING, DURING A VISIT TO THE SOUTHERN COMMAND YESTERDAY, FOUND THE "HEART" OF AN ENEMY SOLDIER SILHOUETTE TARGET WITH THE FIRST FOUR SHOTS FIRED FROM THE SHOULDER POSITION.

Lowering the gun to his waist the King again registered many hits on the target in a sequence of 17 shots.

The Queen applauded his good marksmanship. — Reuter.

NO PEACE SENTIMENT

"THERE IS NO SENTIMENT FOR PEACE AMONG THE ENGLISH PEOPLE," SAID MAJOR-GENERAL HENRY ARNOLD, CHIEF OF THE U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS, ON RETURN TO NEW YORK YESTERDAY BY CLIPPER FROM ENGLAND, WHERE HE HAD BEEN ON A VISIT AS AN OBSERVER OF THE WAR.

"England is most fortunate in having a man of Mr. Churchill's calibre available as Prime Minister at this time," he added. — Reuter.

SLIGHT DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy activity over Britain during daylight yesterday was on a very small scale, states an Air Ministry communique.

Bombs were dropped at one point on the south coast, causing damage and a very small number of casualties. — Reuter.

Leung Yue, boat mistress, was this morning cautioned by Commander J. Jolly for loitering within 100 yards of the seawall at the Kowloon Naval Yard.

FRANZ VON PAPEN RETURNING TO TURKEY

Franz von Papen, Nazi Ambassador to Turkey, will arrive in Istanbul by air tomorrow, according to the German radio.

He is at present in Germany. — Reuter.

SWEDEN REPEATS POLICY

Sweden has no secret political agreement with any country or government," declared the Prime Minister, M. Hansson, speaking at a Stockholm May Day demonstration yesterday.

M. Hansson added Sweden had no aggressive intentions and was free from any treaty of alliance. The nation simply wished to maintain friendly relations with other countries and peoples.

Swedish foreign policy, he added, was to safeguard Sweden's independence, internal and external liberty and to keep the country out of the war between the great powers. "This policy contains nothing equivocal," he stated. — Reuter.

DEBATE ON THE WAR

The debate on the progress of the war will occupy two days, it was stated in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Attlee added it was the desire of Government to give M.P.s the fullest opportunity of taking part in the debate. — British Wireless.

ANGER AT GREEK QUISLING

News that a Quisling regime has been set up by the Germans in Athens is greeted with a storm of indignation in the Crete press.

Profound regret is expressed that some Greeks have been found willing to play the Nazis' game.

This fake government is quite out of touch with the feelings of the Greek people, who fought so heroically against heavy odds, the newspapers declare.

By the wish of the entire nation the Greek National Government, now gathered round King George of the Hellenes in Crete, will continue the struggle to the end, it is emphasised. — Reuter.

TO CHUNGKING VIA IRAN

The Chinese consul-general in Vladivostok arrived at Quetta (India) yesterday by the overland route through Iran, en route to Chungking, where he will join the Foreign Office.

He proceeds to Calcutta and thence to Rangoon. — Reuter.

R.A.F. CARRY OUT BLITZ ATTACK IN THE DESERT

A PARTICULARLY severe attack was carried out in the Gambut area by a formation of R.A.F. fighters on Wednesday, says an R.A.F. communique issued yesterday.

At least 100 vehicles, 30 of which contained troops, were hit and damaged. Twenty of them burst into flames.

One R.A.F. fighter intercepted four Messerschmidts machine-gunning British troops near Sofafi, and severely damaged two of the German fighters.

A Henschel aircraft was also shot down near Gambut.

Numerous flights were carried out by R.A.F. fighters protecting the final convoys in the evacuation of British troops from Greece.

Enemy aircraft raided Malta on Wednesday and Tuesday night causing some damage to R.A.F. property and inflicting a few casualties.

One Junkers bomber was damaged by A.A. fire and brought

down by R.A.F. fighters, another was shot down direct by A.A. fire and a number of others damaged.

Abyssinia Operations

On Wednesday and Tuesday R.A.F. and South African planes machine-gunned enemy motor transport near Assab and in the Selagiamanna area of Abyssinia. Considerable damage and casualties were caused.

An enemy camp north of Maj was also bombed and machine-gunned.

Three R.A.F. planes are missing from the above operations. — Reuter.

SUSTAINED SPEED OF DRIVE IN ABYSSINIA

ONE OF THE MOST outstanding factors in the victorious Abyssinian campaign, states a Nairobi message, was the sustained speed with which units advanced 1,800 miles in less than 60 days in the face of European troops.

All branches of the military machine showed superiority over the enemy, including motorised units, road makers, water suppliers, Army Service Corps and Engineers, who performed incredible feats across the Juba and Awash Rivers and over roads wrecked by demolitions, while gunners of the South African Air Force at Harrar and in Marda Pass have left Italian aircraft lying all over the country.

Peoples as well as units have shared the glory. The King's African Rifles started the advance towards Lalibela and led the coastal sweep and took up the van after 2,000 miles progress over the Awash.

South Africans smashed resistance over the Juba and at Diredawa and lately led the victorious entry into Dessie.

Nigerians rushed Brawa and Mogadishu and without pause swept over the blistering plains and rugged mountains to take Jijiga and Harrar, while Gold Coasters broke Italian morale in News Service.

AIR RAID VICTIMS TOTAL 69,000

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Minister of Health reported yesterday that air raid casualties in Britain to the end of March amounted to nearly 29,000 killed and 40,000 injured. International

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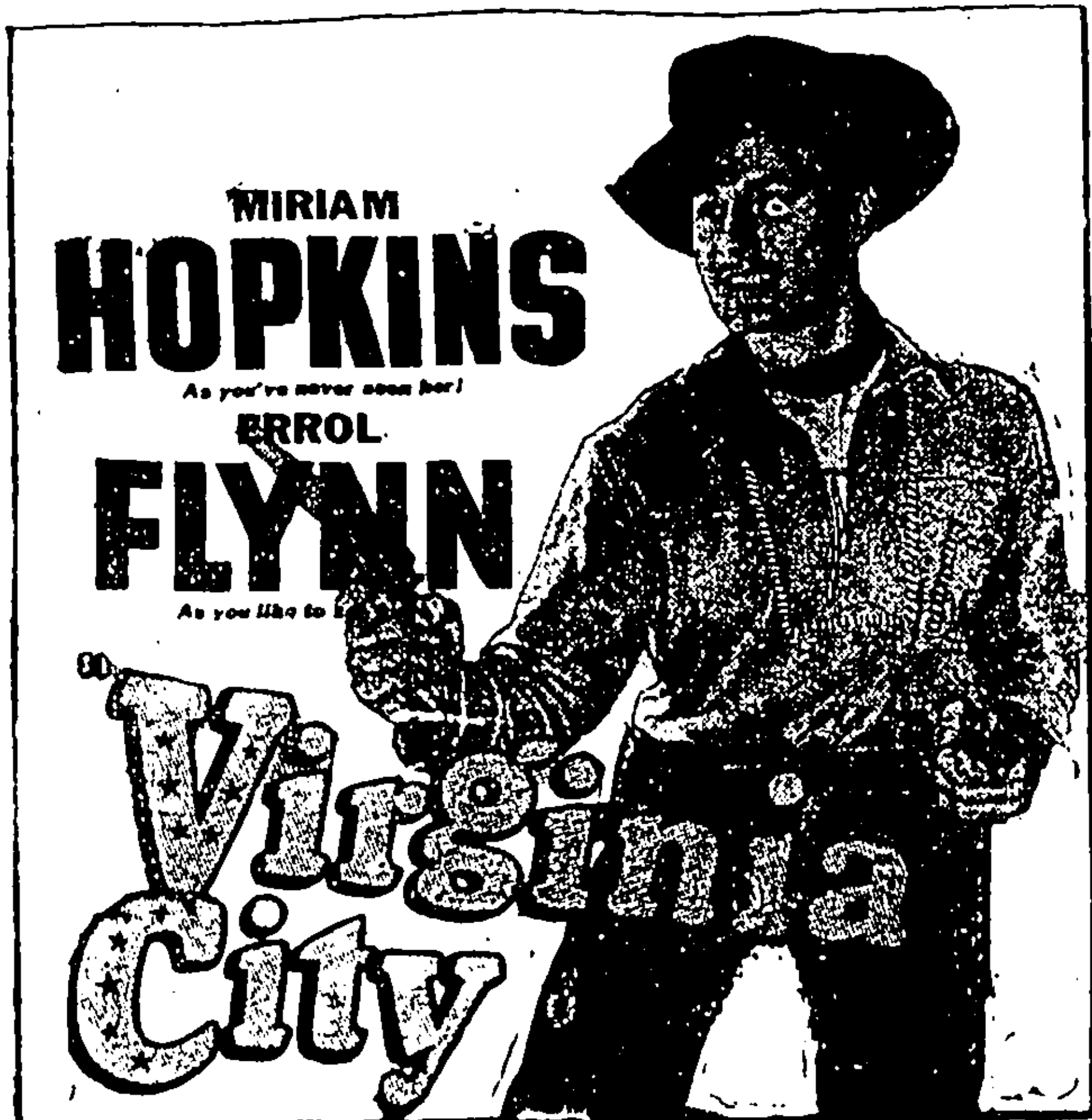
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NIGHTSOIL COOLIE WOMEN DEMONSTRATE AT S. C. A.

THE SECRETARIAT for Chinese Affairs was besieged yesterday afternoon by hundreds of women, with babies strapped to their backs and other offspring trailing behind, all members of the Luen Yip Guild (the night-soil organisation).

The women and their children, headed by four delegates (also women), marched from the Guild headquarters at 2 p.m. carrying large banners on which were written "The petition of century-old night-soil workers" and "save our livelihood."

Traffic was temporarily dislocated and the emergency police unit was called out to prevent any disorder, which fortunately did not occur.

One woman fainted in the crowd and an ambulance had to be summoned to take her to the Queen Mary Hospital. When the four women delegates proceeded to the first floor of the Secretariat to see Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the women and children in the streets started to wail and cry. Mr. North explained to the delegates why Government decided to take over control of night-soil removal and advised them to register with the Urban Council for employment. The women then left.

WIRELESS TRANSMITTING SET FOUND

A 22-YEAR-OLD MARRIED WOMAN, CHEUNG MO, ALIAS CHAN CHEUNG-MO, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING RADIO APPARATUS AND A PRIVATE CODE AT NO. 120, WING LOK STREET, THIRD FLOOR.

Two men, Tam Kai-hung, 20, and Tam Sau-ling, 35, described as wireless operators, were charged with possession of a private code.

Mr. Peter H. Sin pleaded guilty on behalf of first and second accused.

Mr. D. W. Waterton, of the General Post Office, said he raided the premises on April 18. He found the wireless apparatus and private codes in the front cubicle in which were first and second accused. First accused admitted that the wireless belonged to her. Third accused was arrested with a private code, similar to those found in Wing Lok Street, on April 24.

Mr. Sin, on behalf of first accused, said that his client was asked by a friend, Wan Chun, at present in Macao, to look after the wireless apparatus for him.

As regards second accused, Mr. Sin said that he only visited the premises, where his mother worked, as a servant.

First accused was fined \$400, and second and third \$200 each. The apparatus and codes were ordered to be confiscated.

NEW AID TO THE DEMOCRACIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
American aviators and air lines will divert to the Government within three days "a substantial number" of civilian transport planes for the Democracies under the Lease and Lend programme, the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Jesse Jones, has advised the President. — International News Service.

INDIAN SENT TO PRISON

Abdool Aziz Rumjahn, 20, residing at No. 110, Lockhart Road, second floor, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with obtaining and endeavouring to obtain money by means of a forged document.

Accused pleaded guilty.

According to Detective Inspector J. O'Donovan, defendant obtained \$10 from Mr. Poon Cheung-ku, of the Eastern Trading Company, Bank of East Asia Building, by means of a letter purporting to have been written and signed by Paymaster Commander A. C. Burton. On March 19, defendant tried the same trick on Mr. Ng Kin-shing, of Messrs. Sassoon and Company, Prince's Building.

Accused was arrested yesterday, when he again tried the trick in China Building. Early yesterday morning, a Mr. Lee received a telephone message, which appeared to be from a European, who described himself as one Commander McKelvie, and recommended a young destitute, who needed help.

Suddenly, a voice interrupted, saying that it was not a European who was speaking, but an Indian, and immediately afterwards the line was cut off.

Later in the afternoon, a similar request was telephoned to Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee asked that the destitute be sent to his office.

After 5 p.m. the same day Mr. Lee was outside the China Building waiting for his car, when accused approached him and said that he had been sent by Commander McKelvie. He was asked to get into the car and was taken to the Central Police Station.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed, and accused was ordered to be placed under Police Supervision for two years.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY BILL PASSED

The "two-ocean" Navy Bill passed the U.S. Senate yesterday.

The measure, which now only awaits President Roosevelt's signature to become law, provides for naval expenditure of \$3,415,521,750. — Reuter.

FANTASTIC EFFECT OF NEW BOMBS

The "fantastic" destructive power of the R.A.F.'s new bombs is shown by reports from Emden, says the Air Ministry news service.

One bomb dropped recently near Emden post office turned the whole of that part of the town into a heap of ruins.

Two hundred houses were damaged, not counting those whose windows were broken. Seventy of these were completely destroyed.

Houses 500 yards from where the bomb fell had window frames, doors and parts of the roof blown away.

The news service adds: "Two bombs caused fires 200 to 300 yards high." — Reuter.

Complete Confusion

After the raid "complete confusion obtained and the usual shutting off of sections of damaged property could not be done."

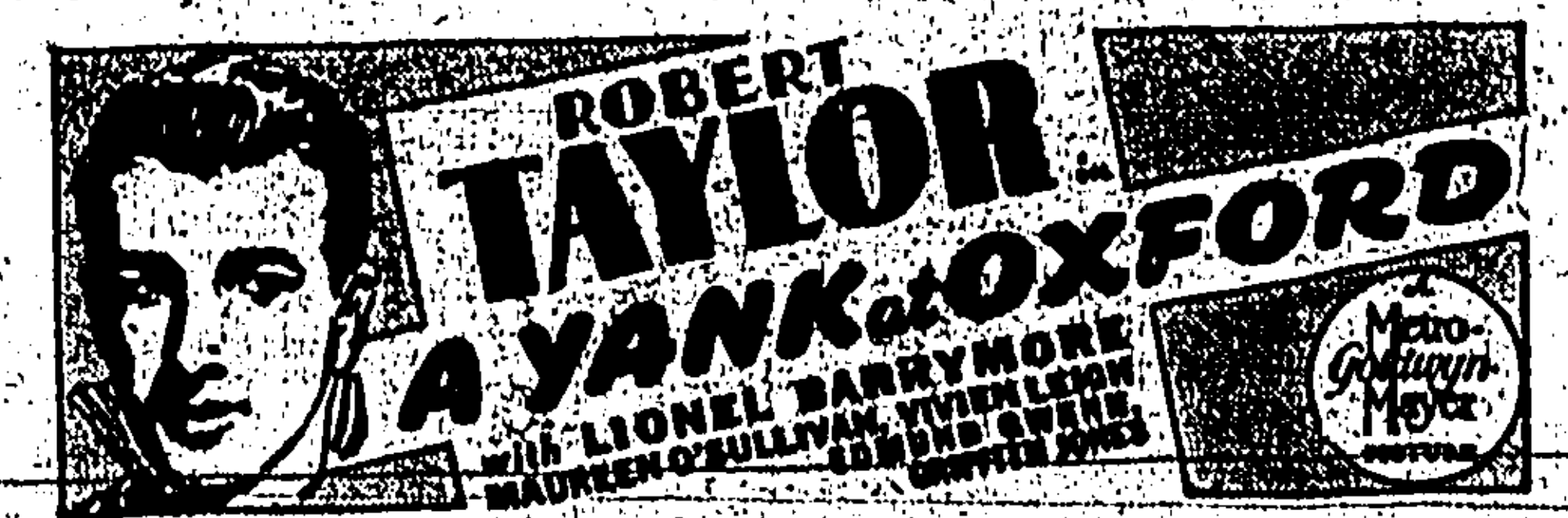
"One was amazed at the great destruction caused by the bombs. A bomb which fell near the post office turned the whole of that quarter, with the exception of the post office, into a heap of ruins. One wing of the post office was smashed and the chief office badly damaged." — British Wireless.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

Mr. Clarence Gauss, new U.S. Ambassador to China, is expected to arrive in Shanghai on May 14 aboard the "President Garfield" en route to Chungking.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the retiring Ambassador and new Minister to Australia, is expected to leave Chungking on May 12 via Hong Kong. — Reuter.

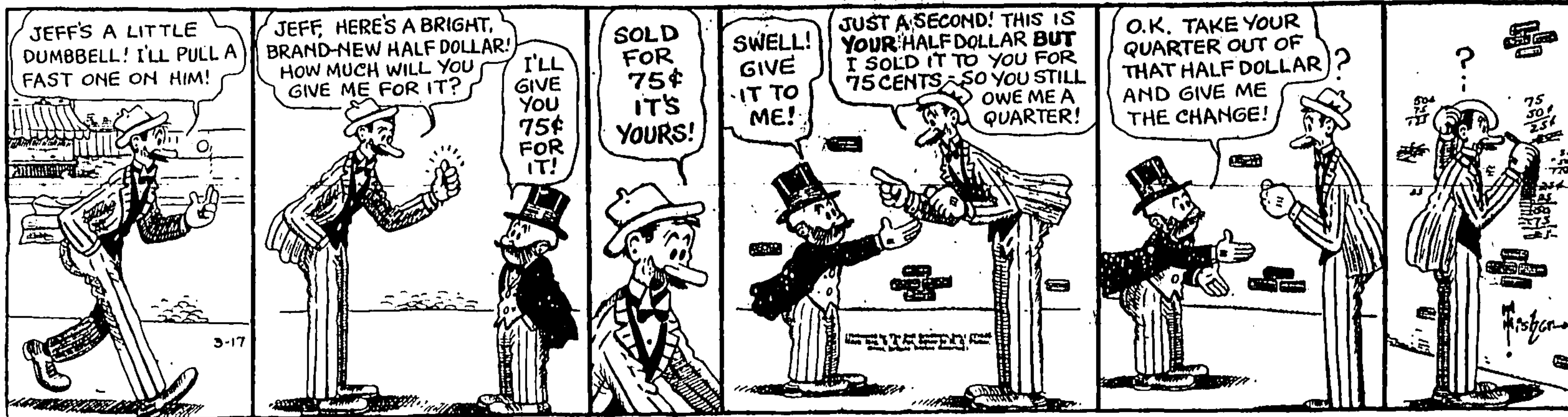
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HEAVY RAID ON MALTA: THIRD DAY

GERMANS GET ROUGHEST HANDLING OF THE WAR

Malta had its third successive blitz on Wednesday night, during which heavy damage was caused to civilian property and there were some civilian casualties.

"IN GREECE THE German army got the roughest handling it has yet received and got it from forces which were a fraction of its own strength," said Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, speaking at a luncheon of the Anglo-Batavian Society in London yesterday.

A Junkers 88 was shot down by gunfire.

Sir Archibald wondered what Hitler was thinking about the change and chances of the struggle, saying: "I don't think Hitler likes to think about Greece and I doubt he gives a thought to the collapse of Mussolini's pinchbeck empire."

According to the official communiqué the enemy came over in two waves. The first, mainly occupied in bombing, was greatly harassed and often turned away by the barrage.

Referring to the savage German air attacks on Holland at the time of its invasion Sir Archibald said: "Since that time we in the cities and towns of this country have learnt the horror of war as the Germans wage it."

The second wave dropped many bombs by the aid of flares. There were no casualties at military or R.A.F. positions though heavy damage was done to property, including a church, hotel and cinema.

Sir Archibald made particular mention of Dutch airmen who he said, since last June had been playing a part in the ceaseless watch and ward which the Coastal Command keeps around the British coasts and shipping—work for which they were well fitted by their peacetime training among the Dutch islands.

Some persons were killed and a number seriously injured. —Reuter.

"AIR STRENGTH GROWS. AND IT IS BEGINNING TO GROW FAST. AND WE WILL REPAY THEM."

Two Shot Down

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Two enemy planes were shot down in one of the heaviest raids of the war on Malta. Eight were killed and 32 injured, while property was damaged. —International News Service.

Tribute To Dutch

"They have rendered a great service, carrying out these long arduous sweeps over the sea which tax so sorely a man's courage and endurance. "They are there to-day in the ranks of those who are fighting the Battle of the Atlantic, a battle which may well prove to be the most important of all." —British Wireless.

SNATCHER FOILED

While chatting with a friend outside Kingsville Hotel in Carnarvon Road at 8.30 o'clock last night, Mrs. S. Kemp, of No. 4B, Hart Avenue, had her handbag almost snatched from her.

A private watchman of the Hotel chased and arrested the would-be snatcher, Liu Chung-po, aged 25.

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning, accused was convicted and was remanded for 24 hours.

Accused stated that he had had no food for two days.

ORGANIST SUED BY WIFE

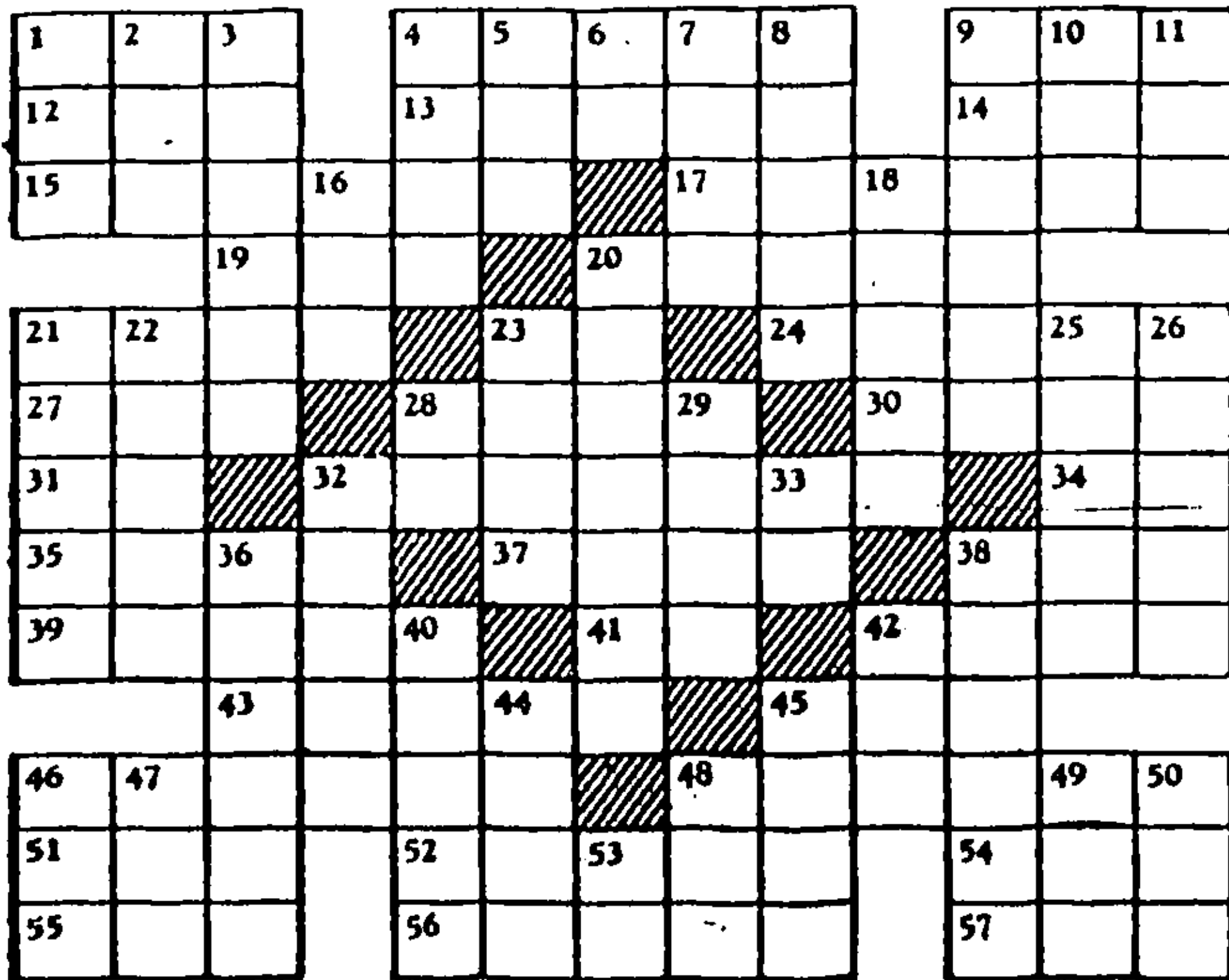
Among the 113 defended suits to come before the High Court this term is that of Mrs. Florence Guy Foort. She is seeking a divorce decree against Mr. Reginald Foort, the organist.

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- 9 To hit lightly
- 12 To consume
- 13 To direct
- 14 Period of time
- 15 To reach
- 17 Quarreled
- 19 Conjunction
- 20 Fat
- 21 Diplomacy
- 23 By
- 24 Outbreaks
- 27 To request
- 28 Cry of sorrow
- 30 Ice crystals
- 31 3,1416
- 32 Outermost
- 34 Pronoun
- 35 Biblical garden
- 37 Grampus
- 38 Insect
- 39 Tears
- 41 French conjunction
- 42 Sensed
- 43 Struggled
- 45 Mongrel
- 46 Melted

- 48 Declamatory outpouring
- 51 Law: things
- 52 To acknowledge
- 54 Also
- 55 Anger
- 56 Damp
- 57 Poetic: nightfall

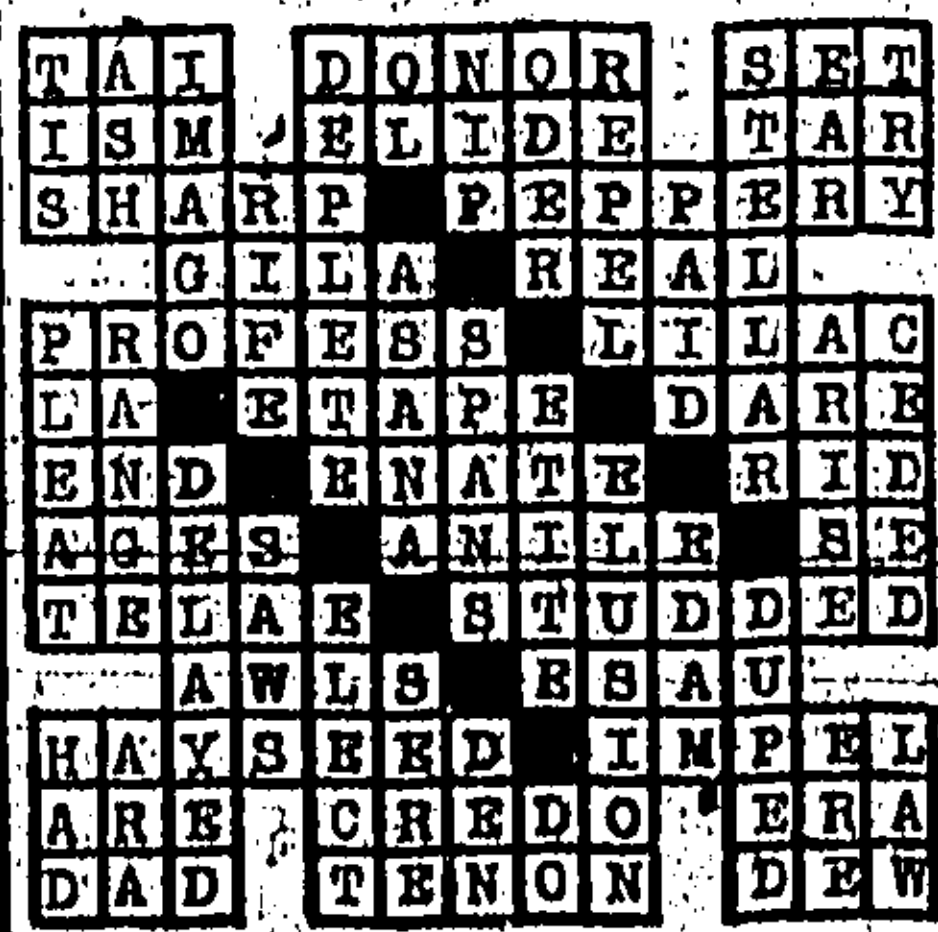
VERTICAL

- 1 Ocean
- 2 To stroke
- 3 To assault
- 4-Dry
- 5 Number
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Tidy
- 8 Blunder
- 9 Ancient

German tribesman

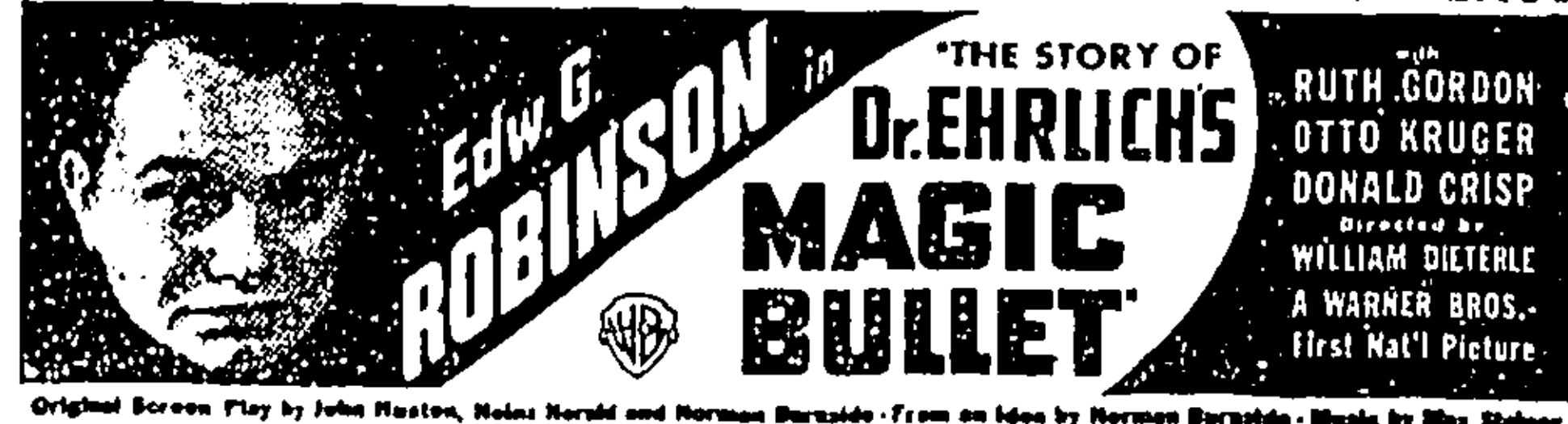
- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Cushion
- 16 Insect
- 18 Form
- 20 Was prominent
- 21 To come to a point
- 22 Apart
- 23 Singing voice
- 25 Drying cloth
- 26 Sugary
- 28 Chopping tool
- 29 Party
- 32 To grant
- 33 Colloquial: mother
- 36 To enclose
- 38 To scold
- 40 Weapon
- 42 Animal: hair
- 44 Scandinavian literary work
- 45 Metropolis
- 46 Prefix: three
- 47 Pronoun
- 48 Mineral
- 49 Deer
- 50 Vast: age
- 53 Note of scale

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PLYMOUTH'S TORNADO OF HATE

(By Reuter's Special Reporter at Plymouth)

THESE SOFT-SPOKEN WEST COUNTRY MEN AND WOMEN ARE JUST PLUMB-MAD WITH HITLER. MANY HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES, THEIR BUSINESSES AND RELATIVES BUT THIS IS NOT THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. THEY DO NOT MOURN — THEY DO NOT LAMENT — THEY JUST WANT TO HAVE A CRACK AT HITLER.

Reason for the massed raid on Plymouth was obviously to break morale. In blasting Plymouth, Hitler hoped to make the British squeal.

He has succeeded but that squeal was not a Hitlerian squeal and it has achieved a raging tornado of hate and a burning determination to hit back.

These people of the West Country are not as those of major cities. Their tempo is slower. They are church-goers. But this morning an old Plymouth lady of 90 blushed at her own language. Hitler had demolished her home and some lovely honey she had secured from the Venerable Abbot of Buckfast Abbey. Justifiably she was aggrieved.

A "Swine!"

I regret to say that this old lady called Hitler a "swine." In the next breath she dismissed her own affairs.

"I see," said, "that they have got most of our boys out of Greece. It takes a long time to get the British Empire together but that Man is beaten already, yet he does not know it."

This typifies the spirit of these wonderful people.

Groping over ruined buildings I felt like a jackal. I had to see the stark reality of Hitler's conception of war and I was a "Paul Pry."

Against the spirit of Plymouth this was an unenviable task. Watching people salvage what belongings remained from their homes I felt emotionally exhausted. Hearing their comments on this violent blitzkrieg I was emotionally uplifted.

Not A Tear

In this aperture of stark tragedy—in this smoke-ridden miasma—I have not seen a single tear. Instead these people smile—and already they are discussing among themselves how they shall repair their city.

They go to the blitzed Guildhall and there survey the lists of dead and missing; they shrug their shoulders and curse Hitler. So much for the breaking of morale!

There are some people here in Plymouth who are carrying bundles. While the man of the household will cart away some cherished household possessions the wife has in her arms the children.

Sleeping On The Moors

Some have had to take to the surrounding moors. They sleep there with insecurity, with the most meagre of covering, and in the day they return to Plymouth.

Notwithstanding their agony they board the buses of Plymouth in high good humour, and Hitler has not yet been able to destroy that singularly British institution—the queue.

EVEN IN THEIR SORROW THIS PEOPLE RETAIN THEIR SENSE OF SEMLINESS AND ORDERLINESS.

I doff my hat to the civil authorities of this amazing city. Notwithstanding Hitler's pounding there is food in plenty.

Prodigy Of Effort

It may be that a shop has no front or back or no wall but, on the site, butcher, baker and candlestick-maker continue to ply their trade.

The people of Plymouth have electric light, gas and water—a

prodigy of effort on the part of the Government. It was to meet a demand of overwhelming magnitude.

Plymouth presents a wonderful picture. There is no sign of strain on the faces of the people, who must necessarily continue their shopping.

Still Chic

Girls are still chic—the men still rustically spruce.

But listen to the conversation of the girls.

"We are not afraid of parachutists. Let them touch the ground and we will deal with them."

These women, too, talk of how they gave succour to one another.

"Your need is greater than mine," is the tenor of their back-chat.

In summing up, should these women ever have an opportunity of obtaining a personal interview with Hitler, Heaven help him!—Reuter.

SEVEN MONTHS' SENTENCE

Seven months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, on Chan Hung, 22, for impersonating a police officer; larceny; and demanding money with menaces.

Detective-Sergeant V. Morrison said that at about 9.45 p.m. on April 29, defendant approached a Chinese, Wu Tin, in Johnston Road, near the Southern Playground, and accused him of flirt-

COMPULSORY SERVICE APPEALS

Several appeals were heard by the Compulsory Service Appeals Tribunal composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, chairman, Brigadier A. Peffers, and the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

E. MacNider, of the "Daily Press" was re-assigned from the Combatant Group to Key Post.

The chairman said that he had reminded the other members of the tribunal that Mr. MacNider's case had been dealt with at the same time as the five members of the "South China Morning Post, Ltd.," and that the recommendation of the Commandant of the Volunteers was the same in this case.

The appeal was heard to-day as no formal appeal had been lodged before as in the case of the other five. The appeal now was made and the Tribunal was prepared to grant leave out of time and to treat the case in the same way as the five members of the "South China Morning Post, Ltd."

The appeals of Messrs. G. C. Burnett, W. J. Keates and H. J. Yappe, of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald," for re-assignment from the Essential Services Group to the Key Post Group were not allowed.

Mr. E. G. Price, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was re-assigned from Combatant Group to Essential Services. He stated that he found it difficult to find time to do his volunteer training.

The application of Mr. N. E. Hunter, of the "Daily Press," for re-assignment from Essential Group to Key Post was not allowed.

ing with his wife. He produced an "Immigration pass" and said he was a Police Officer. He searched complainant and took away his watch and \$4.

The victim was later taken to Gloucester Road, where accused demanded \$10, threatening him with assault. Defendant was arrested the following day.

THREATENING MOVE BY IRAQI ARMY

REPORTS REACHING LONDON FROM BAGHDAD INDICATE THAT CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENCE OF IMPERIAL FORCES IN THAT AREA, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

It will be recalled that before the arrival of these troops in Basra, the Iraq administration concurred in the opening of lines of communication through the country, as provided in the Anglo-Iraq Treaty.

Iraqi Army Move

Certain concentrations on the part of the Iraqi army have, however, now taken place, which might be regarded as a threat to the security of the British air base at Habbayah, on the Euphrates, some 60 miles to the west of Basra.

THE IRAQI ADMINISTRATION ARE BEING PRESSED TO REMOVE THEIR TROOPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO AS TO AVOID THE RISK OF ANY INCIDENT. — REUTER.

When informed of the imminent arrival of further units, necessary to complete the strength of the Imperial forces, the Iraqi administration suddenly took the line that they could not agree to the arrival of further British troops before those already there had passed through.

The British Government could not agree to any derogation from their treaty rights, the movement proceeded as planned and the units concerned disembarked at Basra without incident.

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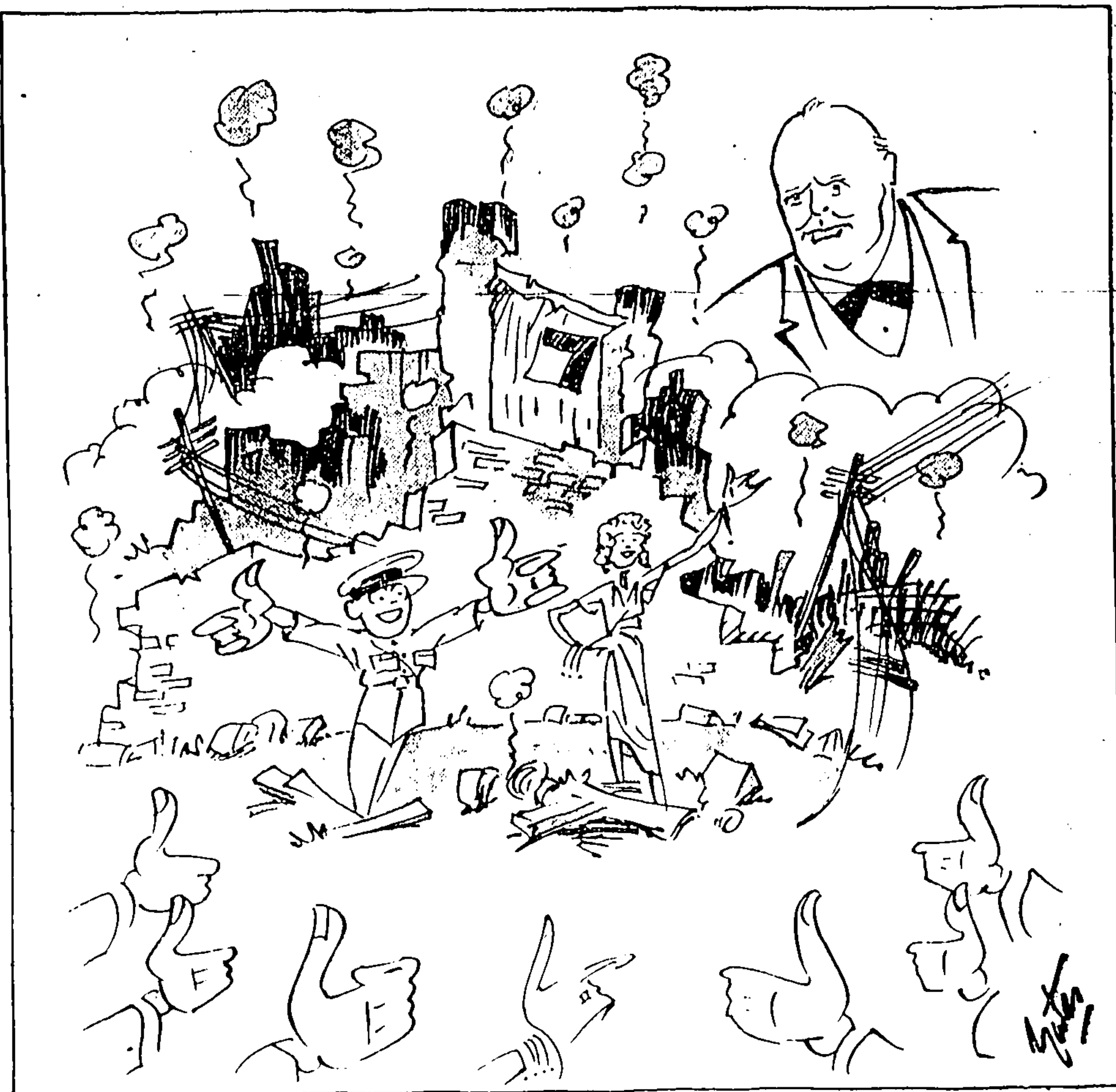
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EPIC OF GREECE

Sufficient has now been revealed of the Greek episode to lift the gloom, dismiss fears of catastrophe, and weigh the gains against the losses with a more assured sense of balance. Mr. Churchill, in his brilliant speech of Sunday, did much to shatter the John Gordons, to restore any lagging of British and American faith and to put the setback in its proper perspective. His disclosure in the House of Commons that 45,000 of 60,000 Anzac and British troops sent to Greece have been safely evacuated completes the job. Without vainglory and without losing sight of the painfulness of our losses, we can cheerfully echo the sentiments of the Prime Minister that "we have much to be thankful for and the Empire forces have much to be proud of."

Beyond a doubt, our losses are infinitesimal compared with those inflicted upon the Germans, while the evidence strongly suggests that the withdrawal was not necessitated by the inability of the Imperial forces to carry on as gloriously as they began in their sector, but by the heavy fateful decision forced upon the Greeks that their armies in the field, after months of heroic effort against tremendous odds, had reached a stage of exhaustion from which there could be no lasting recovery. In the circumstances, evacuation became inevitable, and the Imperial army, supported throughout by two or three divisions of stout-hearted Greek troops, fought their way back to the sea, always sufficiently in command of the situation to ensure the safety of the main body. Never was their thin rear-guard line broken; never did it falter.

If the cost has been great to Britain and to Greece, there is plentiful cause for satisfaction in any study of the corresponding cost to Hitler of his Balkans adventure. Enormous casualties, disrupted communications, closure for months of the Danube, and two hostile peoples to keep under, represent a totally disproportionate price for the strategic gain. Moreover, the Greeks are by no means vanquished. Greece won the first clear-cut victory over aggression in this war. And though Hitler's mechanical men have planked into Athens, the fight will still continue. Like Yugoslavia



PLYMOUTH, 1941.

Crucial Battle

By
Major George Fielding Eliot

The basic principles of war remain the same—concentration, offensive action, security. Success in war is still dependent on the development of offensive action from a secure base against a well chosen objective. Sometimes, in the flurry of new catch-phrases and new weapons, we tend to forget these facts, as true to-day as they were when the first cave-men clashed with club and stone.

When, therefore, we find ourselves with military problems to solve, we should try to solve them in the light of these principles. Specifically, as we contemplate the necessity for the United States to undertake naval and air operations in the Atlantic Ocean for the protection of vital communications with Great Britain, we must realise that once we have taken this decision, the North Atlantic becomes a major theatre of offensive operations, in which we must concentrate such forces as may be necessary to accomplish our objective.

We may be quite sure that every effort will be made by our opponents to prevent us from doing this. These efforts are likely to take two forms: threatening Japanese moves in the Far East, and threatening Axis moves in West Africa—coupled, of course, with widespread raids on shipping, perhaps on American shipping as well as Britain's.

We must be prepared against such counter-action. We ought to give thought, not only to concentration of offensive power in the main theatre, but to the security of lines of communication, strategic flanks, and interests in other parts of the world.

Atlantic Must Come First

In the Far East, the presence of the Fleet at Hawaii and the advance guard Asiatic Fleet at Manila gives so great a naval super-

she has staked her national life on the belief that Britain must win, in the end, and she fights on from Crete, secure in the tradition of a people that has watched history through the ages write the epitaphs of all its conquerors.

riority that, with carefully arranged plans for joint defence with the British and Dutch, we ought to be able to deal with any attempt by the Japanese to extend their power in the region of the South China Sea. But if the Atlantic becomes our main offensive theatre, we must realise that its demands become primary; half measures are the inevitable prelude to defeat, and if cruisers, destroyers and aircraft carriers are needed in the Atlantic, we must send them there. We might thus have to cut down, for the time being, the striking power of our Pacific Fleet; which means that for the time being we might have to assume the defensive in the Pacific.

But this does not and must not mean the abandonment of the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies and Singapore to the Japanese. The effect of such abandonment might be tantamount to the loss of the war, for it might cut off Great Britain from sources of raw materials and foodstuffs which could not be replaced, and might produce a complete collapse of her Middle Eastern campaign, with the consequent release of German forces for concentration against Britain.

Consequently we should produce a defensive concentration in the Philippines of forces not so immediately useful in the Atlantic—troops, land-based planes of second-line types, submarines—and we should thoroughly co-ordinate our plans for the defence of the South China Sea with the British at Hong Kong and Malaya, and the Dutch. It should be possible to retain a sufficient naval force in the Pacific so that, in co-operation with British, Dutch and Australian forces, the Japanese would be faced with a greater risk than any reasonable Japanese officer would care to advise his government to assume. The great thing is to make it clear to the Japanese that we are not only prepared to fight any fresh aggression, but have the will to fight; that any "step by step" policy of small advances will meet immediate resistance, not after a long series of aggressions have given

the Japanese further priceless positions, but at the first sign of aggression.

West Africa A Problem Too

We have next a security problem to be dealt with in West Africa. The Germans are adept at making flank or enveloping attacks, at avoiding direct assault for the indirect method which strikes with strength against weakness, which diverts, weakens and undermines. If we engaged in North Atlantic operations, they would seek to divert us in the South Atlantic. For this purpose they would need bases, and these bases could only be located in some of the Atlantic islands, or on the west coast of Africa within reach of the German land-air power. They lack the mobility which command of the sea confers, and can use only such bases as they can reach and supply by land.

Our requirements, therefore, are (1) to strengthen, by supplies and other means, the British in their West African positions, and the Free French in Equatorial Africa as well as the Belgians in the Congo, so that there can be no chance of the Axis pushing into any of these areas; (2) to make certain that no other West African position becomes available to the Germans.

It does not seem impossible that some arrangement could be arrived at by which the United States, could enter into an agreement assuring the military safety of the Portuguese colonial empire, an arrangement similar to that already reached with regard to Greenland. Of course the Germans would threaten Portugal with direct attack, but Germany is hardly anxious for fresh military adventures at the time, and would be less so were we to be active in the North Atlantic. In any case, Germany will attack Portugal when it is to Germany's interest to do so, quite regardless of whether Portugal's previous attitude has or has not been "correct" in the Wilhelmstrasse sense of that word. An arrangement of this sort with Portugal would give us positions not only in the Azores and Cape Verde Islands, but also in Portuguese Guinea, on Africa's western bulge.

These are all far-flung and rather startling considerations, or so they will seem to most Americans; yet they are a part of the picture of maritime security, and it is maritime security upon which the future of our people and of freedom in this world must be founded.

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HOW THE NAVY SAVED OUR FORCES FROM GREECE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent, evacuated with the British Forces from Greece)

I AM NOW ABLE TO TELL HOW THE BRITISH EMPIRE FORCES IN GREECE WERE SNATCHED TO SAFETY AT THE LAST MINUTE FROM THE VERY FEET OF THE GERMAN JUGGERNAUT.

Superhuman efforts by the Navy, with the aid of the R.A.F., enabled the evacuation to be carried out with the highest possible success.

REAL PLUCKY 'UN PRAISED

(By A Special Correspondent.)

Blacky carried on a London A.F.S. girl with no medals, but with a record of heroism that makes others proud to serve by her side.

"She's real plucky 'un," say her firemen colleagues. "If any one deserves a medal, she does. I don't know what we'd do without her."

Blacky is Mrs. Edith Lillian Smith, a widow and acting section officer of an A.F.S. sub-station.

When her station received a direct hit, she calmly wrote out an S.O.S. "Station hit by high-explosive. Telephone communication out of order. Station on fire."

She sent this note by messenger to the local station.

Saved Child

Then, with the firemen out fighting other fires, she made her way through the dust and wreckage to a school shelter where a caretaker's child was trapped. Single-handed she tore at fallen bricks until she got the child out.

She returned to her control room and, though the adjoining room was a mass of flames, went through the blaze and saved the station's records book and Spitfire fund money.

For these acts of heroism she was commended in a letter from the Home Office.

Her station was hit a second time. She saved it by herself putting out several incendiary bombs.

"I don't remember how many there were," she told me when I met her. "It all happened so quickly when the men were again out fighting other fires." I asked her about the hit by high explosive.

"Oh, I just carried on," she said. "That's the only thing to do."

"Of course, it was a bit of a shock — the explosion, I mean — but I didn't get hurt. I think I was born lucky."

Apart from her adventures in the fire service, Blacky has been has been bombed out of two homes. She was out each time.

REGISTRY WEDDING

Mr. Liang Nai-sien, Assistant-Manager of the Sun Trading Company, was to-day married to Mrs. Lee Yu-ping, of No. 26 Blue Pool Road, at the Supreme Court Registry.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Arthur Hall, Master Mariner, to Miss Helen Yuen, of No. 3, Ping Street.

Troops who had tramped miles across the mountains to reach their embarkation points were picked up by naval craft, merchantmen and flyingboats at beaches all along the eastern shores of Greece.

From Chalkis, on the island of Euboea, to the Peloponnese, ships sailed in to fulfil their task dead on time according to plan.

I was evacuated with a large force from a small port in the Peloponnese after spending a nightmare 24 hours lying under olive trees in a cornfield.

We were subjected to continuous bombing and machine-gunning by Nazi planes. Many of my comrades had been through Dunkirk.

A Ghostly Procession

I had left Athens at night with a convoy of lorries under sealed orders. As we roared towards Corinth in ghost-like procession I realised that a full-scale withdrawal was under way.

We passed a mile-long column of British infantry marching in an exhausted state to their assembly post.

More lorries and trucks joined the convoy until a giant snakelike line was winding southward.

In the grey light of dawn we passed through Burges, where many British trucks had been left burning by the roadside as a result of German machine-gunning.

We swept on to a small port where we were to be picked up. Three ships lay sunk in the harbour and an ammunition dump was blazing furiously. — Reuter.

"GHOST" APPEARS AT U.S. CONGRESS

A young woman dressed in a painted skull mask and black robe rose in Congress during the British aid debate and threw it into confusion.

Appearing like a ghost in the public gallery, she cried, "My Novena! My Novena!"

Congressmen shouted, "Throw it out!" "Scram!" and "This isn't a seance."

As the Sergeant-at-Arms rushed the "ghost" from the gallery, she snatched off the death-mask and revealed a pretty young face.

PLAYED CRICKET WITH DICKENS

George Remnant, who was the oldest ex-county cricketer in the country, has died at Harrow. He knew Charles Dickens, and taught Lord Harris how to play cricket. He was 95 years of age.

Mr. Remnant played for Kent in the 60's. When he was a youth Charles Dickens saw him play a brilliant innings for Kent Colts at Gravesend, and asked him to come and play for his village team at Higham, near Rochester. Remnant played there regularly in the field behind the novelist's home.

2-MILE VAIN FIGHT TO SAVE OBSERVER

A U.S. ARMY FIGHTING PLANE with its rudder knocked askew plummeted 12,000 feet to earth in a small Pampanga barrio near Clark Field, carrying with it an army private whose parachute had become entangled when he tried to bale out, says the "Manila Bulletin."

The private, Franklin R. Labante, 24, was killed.

The pilot, R. S. Sloan, battled for 11,000 feet to right the plane and free Labante. He finally took to his parachute at 400 feet from the ground and landed safely.

Both men were from the 2nd observation squadron, U.S. Army air corps, at Clark Field, Fort Stotsenburg. They had been up on manoeuvres. Sloan was leading a flight of three planes.

An official army release said the wing of one of the three planes hit Sloan's rudder, damaging it so that the plane went out of control.

Sloan called to Labante to bale out, and apparently Labante pulled the ripcord too quickly, fouling the parachute in the falling plane.

Labante's home town was Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Private advices from San Fernando said the plane burned when it crashed. Army advices did not confirm this. The plane was identified as an attackship, carrying only a pilot and observer. It was demolished.

The machine landed on the hacienda of Mrs. Africa Santos in barrio Mamatita, Mababacat, about 100 feet from the national highway. The hour was 10 a.m.



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Military Analysis Of The Campaign In Greece

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

LOOKING AT THE GREEK CAMPAIGN IN ITS BROADEST ASPECTS WE WERE RIGHT TO SEND ALL THE HELP WE COULD TO GREECE.

The moral issue involved might be said to be without exaggeration to be decisive but the material losses and heavy punishment inflicted on the German army was, in any case, well worth our effort.

It must be admitted that the handling of their forces by the German Command has been good. They are not hidebound pedants in their conception of the conduct of war. The Germans cast rules aside, and a glance at their operations in this war supports this statement.

In May last year their decisive blow was delivered at the centre of the French line. They broke through at Sedan and then turned north to cut off our left wing, which had imprudently penetrated into Belgium, leaving our flank insufficiently protected.

Last month the Germans seized the opportunity provided again by an unguarded flank and threw some troops into Tripoli as we moved a force north across the Mediterranean into Greece.

Napoleonic Strategy

In the actual battles in Greece the Germans went back to Napoleon, broke through the centre of the Allied line south of Monastir Gap, and through the hole thus made pushed forces behind the advanced Allied position in Albania, thus bringing about the surrender of the Greek left wing.

It is interesting to note that the same method was applied as that employed by Napoleon at Austerlitz, probably his most brilliant battle.

We must now await Hitler's next moves, which are likely to be:

First, a drive to capture Suez by reinforcing if possible his troops in Libya, and at the same time a concentrated attack in Thrace.

And The Ukraine?

Second, a simultaneous move through Spain to seize the British naval base in the eastern Mediterranean.

Third, and this is a possibility, though not such a probability, an attack on the Ukraine in order to lay hands on the wheat supplies there and open a road to the oil-fields in the Caucasus.

These are vast schemes but it is recognised that Hitler has huge hordes of well-armed soldiers at his disposal.—Reuter.

SOLDIER TO DIE FOR MURDER OF GIRL

Found guilty of murdering a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl, whose body was found in a blockhouse, a soldier aged twenty-eight was sentenced to death at Liverpool Assizes.

Before being sentenced, he said: "I still say I am an innocent man."

His mother collapsed in court and was carried out. The jury were out fifty-five minutes.

The accused man is Samuel Morgan, of Berkeley Drive, Seaford, Lancs. The girl, Mary Hagan, lived in Brookside Avenue, Waterloo, Lancs.

It was alleged by the prosecution that while on an errand on November 2, she was enticed on dragged into the blockhouse, violated and strangled. The case had lasted a week.

HE HAD KILLED 2,339 BULLS

The well-known bull-fighter Rafael Guerra, considered by many to be one of the greatest bull-ring figures of all time, has died at Cordoba.

Born in 1862, Guerra was the last survivor of the great bull-fighters of last century.

He took part in 892 bull fights, killing 2,339 bulls. He was known to the public as "Guerrita."

POWDER PUT BOMB OUT

Heads of Liverpool civil defence services and of business firms saw an incendiary bomb extinguished by a fine greyish powder at Liverpool fire brigade headquarters.

It was the first time anyone in Liverpool had seen a fire bomb actually put out—all other known methods have the effect of merely controlling the bomb till it burns itself out.

An official of the London manufacturing firm poured the powder on the bomb while it was spouting its molten fire.

Within five minutes the flames were out, and only a thin column of slightly smelling smoke curled from the mass of powder.

THE LAST POST

Owing to the lack of demand among troops the scheme organised by the British Legion last autumn for placing soldiers in correspondence with members of the public is to be ended, announces the War Office.

HIGH TRIBUTE TO BRAVERY OF INDIAN TROOPS

DESPATCHES WHICH have just been received from the Eritrean front pay high tribute to the bravery of Indian troops in the soaring hills.

Along a road dominated from the heights, up and over the peaks themselves, Indian troops fought their way to victory.

For more than a month the battle swayed on ridges, fierce counter-attack ceaselessly following attack.

The final attack was launched one night and pressed relentlessly all next day, cutting into the heart of the Italian position and leaving thousands of enemy isolated on the heights on either flank.

Midland and Indian troops surged down from the captured fort of Dologorodoc to conquer vital hills along the railway two miles from Keren. They smashed their way through a whole colonial brigade and a regiment of Carabinieri in the dash forward.

Even as they consolidated the position Scottish troops were swarming up the 6,000-foot mountain of Sanchil, most heavily defended Italian position, and enemy troops were being routed out at the bayonet point. Soon they waved a white flag and surrendered.

In Keren gorge, where, four miles from the town the Italians had blasted 200 yards out of the road to block the advance, our

soldiers were fighting hand to hand with machine-gun crews.

Even while this fighting was going on Indian Sappers were at work dynamiting a new way through, while Bren carriers followed close behind.

Desperate Charge

The enemy made a last desperate charge but, shattered by machine-gun and artillery fire, they halted, hesitated and then turned back.

It was the signal for the final advance. British and Indian infantry, shouting and cheering, swept forward. They climbed up to the top of peaks and then down the other side to race into Keren.

Meanwhile Sappers had cleared the blocked road and tanks and troops passed along it and into the town.

The Prime Minister, in a message to the Viceroy of India a few days after Keren fell, said: "The whole Empire has been stirred by the achievements of the Indian forces in Eritrea."—British Wire-

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 41

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime isn't easy to spot, so polish up your microscopes:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ K 8
♥ 10 9 8
♦ K 10 6 4 2
♣ K 9 2

♠ 9 6 2
♥ A Q 5 4
♦ 2
♣ Q 5

♠ 7 6 3
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ K J 6
♣ A 7 3

♠ A 10 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the four of hearts, dummy winning with the eight. A low diamond was returned to South's Ace, and on the second round of diamonds West was allowed to hold the trick with his Queen. West returned the nine of spades, hoping to get his partner in, but South gathered in ten tricks before giving up the lead.

And there's a nice juicy murder for you to play around with! We'll give you a hint: one of the defenders is the criminal. See if you can spot the crime before you read any more.

West is the criminal, and his crime took place at the second trick! He murdered the defence by holding on to the diamond Queen; he should have dropped it when South played the diamond Ace. After all, his Queen is useless unless his partner has the Jack of diamonds; and if his partner has the diamond Jack, West must drop the Queen so as to let East win the diamond trick. For if East wins the diamond trick, he can return a heart and allow West to take four heart tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 5

The bidding:
Maler You Jacoby Schenken
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ (7)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You have too much strength to pass, and the club raise is more informative than a rebid in spades. Your partner almost surely counts on you for a fairly strong five-card spades suit, so a spade rebid adds very little to your partner's impression of your hand.

Score 100% for three clubs, 50% for two spades, 20% for pass.

Question No. 705

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maler You Jacoby Schenken
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ 3♠ Pass 3NT
Dbl. (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ITALIAN FLAG AT R.A.F. MESS

The Italian, Garrison flag which formerly flew over Fort Capuzzo is now at R.A.F. Headquarters in the Western Desert where it hangs over the doorway of the Officers' Mess of a bomber squadron.

This Squadron had taken a leading part in the continuous bombing of the Fort.

A dare-devil pilot landed, triumphantly seized the Garrison flag, brought it back and presented it to the Bomber Squadron.

One corner of the flag is tattered from bomb splinters.

PUISNE JUDGE ON MACHINERY OF HIS COURT

ADDRESSING SOLICITORS at the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall said:— This is the first call-over day I have had and I would like to take the opportunity before starting with the business of the day to make a few remarks to the Profession.

As a preliminary I would like to remind you, as you well enough know already, that the machinery of the Summary Court is intended to be used to enable litigants who have a cause of action to obtain any relief they seek within as short a period as possible, consistent with the administration of equal justice to all and for all.

We all know that the courts primarily exist anywhere not to delay litigation, but to try and expedite it, and I think if the general public of the Colony will realise this fundamental principle, it should follow automatically, that any litigation which they are called upon to commence, can only be disposed of satisfactorily if the machinery of the court works smoothly.

There must, however, be mutual cooperation between the Bench and the Profession and that is why I have decided to make a few, shall I say tentative suggestions, to the Profession, which I would like them to consider and at some later date, which can be arranged, I hope a Committee of the Law Society, as representing the practising solicitors in the Colony, will meet me in Chambers to discuss these suggestions in the light of their experience; for I desire to say, and I say this very sincerely, that it is my earnest wish that matters which call for improvement will be improved and it is also my desire to assist the Profession in every way I can to expedite litigation.

Constructive Criticism

I have only been here a few days and therefore it may appear a little presumptuous on my part to make suggestions to practitioners who have had many more years' experience than I have of the practice and procedure in Hong Kong, but I do think there are one or two outstanding things which can form the bases of constructive criticism.

I propose shortly to run over one or two of these, and I hope that the Profession will consider them and let me know through the Law Society what they think of them, after which, we can perhaps meet together and possibly be able to do something which will materially benefit everybody concerned.

The first note I made was this. The senior solicitor has his cases called over first, irrespective of the serial number that case carries. Well, I do not know the reason for that and I am not going to make any comment on it, but I would like this Committee when they do meet to give me some information about it and explain to me why a litigant, who, shall we say, filed his action three months ago and got serial number 300 should at the call-over day have to wait while 30, 40 or 50 other cases are called, which were filed after his.

Adjournments

The second note I made was on what I believe is known here as the "automatic adjournment" of the case.

To be perfectly frank, again I qualify this by saying that I have only been here a few days, I cannot see any necessity for that. I don't see myself, why, where a case is listed in call-over, the date cannot be fixed straight away, say 10 or 15 days hence and the case heard on that day, instead of adjourning for a week for apparently no reason at all, except to delay the hearing; and following that, I would like to suggest for your consideration that the fixing of all cases should be done at call-over.

Then we come to the daily list; I notice that normally there are only two cases listed for hearing, one in the morning at 10 and one in the afternoon at 2.30. I would like to be able to fix more than two cases, a day and to try and dispose of an average of three or four. I would also like to say that, if possible, once a defended case has been started, the hearing of that case should go on continuously day by day until the case is finished. I do not think anything can be worse than for any member of the Bench to be called

upon to pick up the threads of evidence after an adjournment of three weeks. Everything has gone from his mind and he has to go all over the evidence again to make himself au fait with the case from the point at which he left off. I suggest that if the hearing is continuous it will be to the mutual benefit of everybody concerned.

Then there is the question of adjournments. This, of course, with all respect to the Profession, I must insist is the prerogative of the Bench and I do not favour adjournments. I would like to see an unwritten rule of practice adopted to the effect that adjournments will not be granted unless good and sufficient cause is shown by the party applying. Delay by a client in instructing his solicitor is not "good and sufficient cause," in itself.

Defence Pleas

Now we come to the question of the "statement of defence," which I understand from one or two members of the Profession to whom I have spoken in Chambers has caused — shall we say — consternation in their minds as to exactly what I meant by my remarks the other day. All I am after gentlemen, is to be in a position when I come into court to know something about the case I am going to hear. I do not like starting a case and then having to find out during the course of the trial what the matter is all about. As I told one of the practitioners here the other day, there are three actors in every trial. The solicitor for the plaintiff, the solicitor for the defendant and the person called the Judge, and I think the Judge is entitled as much as the solicitors for the plaintiff and the defendant to know something of the case which he is called upon to adjudicate. The best way to supply the information he desires is to let him have a short and concise statement of the defence. It may be that questions of costs will arise; that may be so. I do not wish to do anything which is going to upset the established practice which has been going on for many years unless by upsetting it improvement can be guaranteed. So I would like to suggest that if there is no serious objection by the solicitors, statements of defence should be filed in any case they are called upon to defend. As an alternative I would be prepared at call-over day to enquire from the solicitor for the defence what his defence is and make a short note in my record book accordingly. If necessary, the Court would in addition to taking down the verbal defence, order an amplified statement to be filed and thus be in the position to know what the implications are in the case and how long it is likely to last.

Then with regard to the sittings of the court. There is no statutory time laid down but I throw out the suggestion for your consideration that the court might sit at 9.30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. There would be a short adjournment at 11 a.m. for ten minutes and the Court would rise afterwards at 1.15. I do not see the necessity myself for fixing cases in the afternoon at call-over day. I should like the afternoons kept free to be placed at the disposal of the Judge himself for it is possible that a case may not be finished in the morning and then it would be carried over to the afternoon. That, of course is again a matter for more discussion with the Law Society.

Forty cases of tuberculosis, eight of measles, five of cholera — one from Victoria and four from Kowloon — three each of diphtheria and dysentery and two of enteric fever, were notified yesterday.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

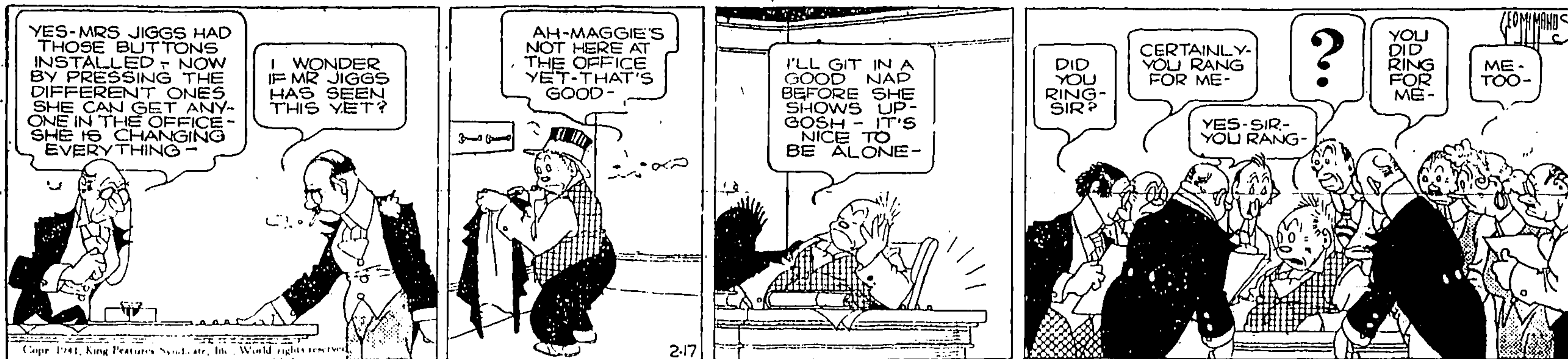


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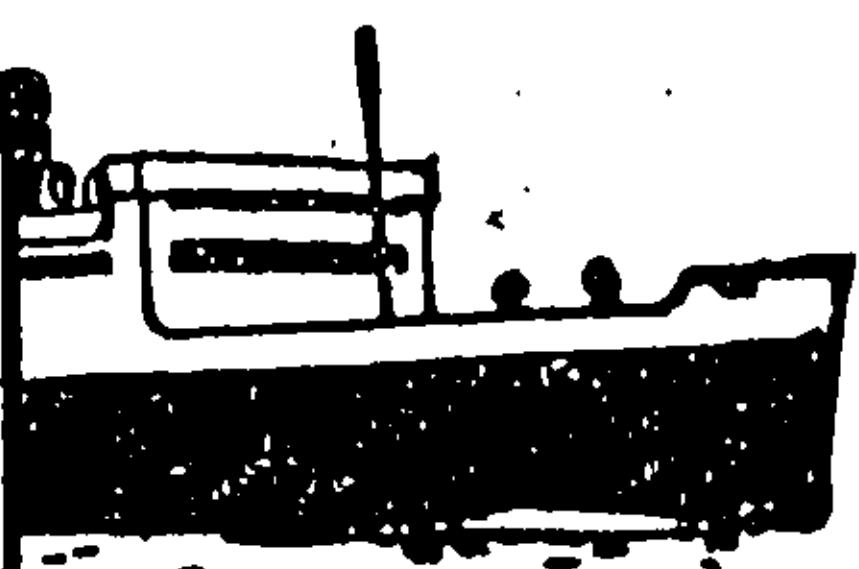
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Death, however, overtook the child before the hospital was reached and the mother left the body on a vacant piece of ground in Waterloo Road, near the Railway Bridge.

This morning, she was charged before Mr D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon, and was bound over to be of good behavior for six months.

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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

RECREIO "A" KEEP THEIR TEAM ALMOST INTACT

Craigengower Expected To Offer Stern Threat

K.B.G.C. AND INDIANS AS STRONG AS EVER

By "Lead"

THE WEATHER, AT THE MOMENT OF WRITING, SEEMS TO HAVE SET IN, AS DEFINITELY AS IT EVER DOES IN THIS CLIMATE, FAIR AND WARMER AND THERE APPEARS TO BE EVERY LIKELIHOOD OF THE OPENING MATCHES IN THE BOWLS LEAGUE, WHICH STARTS TOMORROW, BEING PLAYED UNDER PERFECT CONDITIONS.

The stage is now pretty well set and despite the difficulties brought about by rain and the fact that that same rain had the effect of prolonging the seasons of the footballers and cricketers up to only two Saturdays ago, teams have now been pretty well fixed and conveners are again considered the lowest forms of animal life:

They have a pretty tough time of it these chappies who are responsible for the selection of teams. My experience of the average lawn bowler is that he is a far more touchy individual than most games players and he is far more apt to have an exalted value of his own importance than most. I feel justified therefore, at the opening of this, another season, to quote the words of my very efficient predecessor, "Skip," penned at the beginning of last season: "The trouble with nearly all bowlers is that they think they are better than they really are! Then the human element comes in, the most important of all I would say, for how many times have we seen a comparatively unknown four-

playing happily together, overcome a rink of stars which lacks cohesion?"

Note that you bowlers. If you think that you should have been a skip or a No. 3 rather than a No. 2, give the blokes selected all the support you can both on the green and off it; don't let them feel that you are resentful towards them, and if all members of the rink adopt that attitude, even if matches are not won they will certainly be enjoyable.

With these words of wisdom I will proceed to the business in hand.

Good Policy

The champions, Recreio "A", are pursuing a very wise policy

things, are making a great effort never change a winning combination. Thus we find their team for to-morrow's match against Craigengower, identical with their combination of last year, with one exception, C. Roza Pereira, who played No. 3 to J. J. Basto in the "B" team, being brought into the side vice C. M. Silva, who will be playing lead for "J. J." Although Recreio can expect strong challenges from K.B.G.C. and Craigengower this season, I shall be surprised if the tried and seasoned combinations, which are each of the champions' rinks, do not carry the team through to their fifth success in five years.

Craigengower look to be somewhat stronger, although they have lost McNeill to K.B.G.C. The evergreen B. W. Bradbury is back to the fold and will be skipping a rink with Alf Coates as his right-hand man, Joe Leonard leading and L. C. R. Souza No. 2.

U. M. Omar has a very powerful rink. A. M. Omar, who played as a No. 3 last season, will be No. 1, with K. M. Omar and Dick Basa—the latter skipped a rink last year and has returned from Man'la just in time for the League opening—the two and three respectively.

Charlie Rosset's rink looks to be an experimental one. Joe Landolt has been retained as third man, but Bill Way, who skipped a rink in Second Division, has been brought in as No. 2 and Y. A. Razack has also received well-merited promotion.

The Craigengower team looks well-balanced and should do well against their great rivals, Recreio "A", to-morrow.

K.B.G.C. Reinforced

K.B.G.C. "A" has been usefully reinforced this season. McNeill, coming in from Craigengower, and Randle from Civil Service, and although the composition of some of the rinks has been changed, Alf Hall, George Sherriff and Adam Holland are still the three skips. Sykes, who met with most success in the last Club tournament, and is probably the most improved player, has been given a place in Sherriff's rink, in which he will lead.

The composition of the I.R.C. team is much the same as last season with Dallah, A. K. Minu and M. R. Abbas the skips. Minu retains his rink almost intact, while Dallah will this season have the services of A. O. Madar, who was unable to turn out regularly last season, as his No. 3.

Police will be without Jock Fender, who is on leave, but Wally Mair is back after a sojourn Down Under, when he played quite a bit of bowls. Ted Post, Mair and Jock Shepherd will be skipping and as all three have experienced No. 3's—Carey will be Post's right hand man—besides earlier numbers who are no duffers at the game, we may be certain that Police will do as well as they did last season.

C.S.C.C. Carry On

Kowloon Docks will be without Jock McKelvie but have most of their old players, while Civil Service, although they have been very badly hit by leaves, retirements and other such tiresome to carry on. MacGowan, who was No. 3 to Hollidge last season, will be skipping one of the rinks, while Harry Strange will be in charge of the latter. Only member of the Old Brigade still functioning as skip is M. N. Rakusen. Former members of the junior team, who will be given a chance of playing

YOUNGHUSBAND'S STRONG KOWLOON F.C. LEAGUE RINK

By "Lead"

THUS EARLY IN THE PROCEEDINGS, IT SEEMS TO ME FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB, WHO WERE RUNNERS-UP TO K.B.G.C. LAST SEASON, ARE THE STRONGEST TEAM IN SECOND DIVISION.

They will sorely miss Bob Hall, who was Younghusband's No. 3 last year, but will have the services of Ernie Kern and Walter Naef, former K.C.C. players. I thought it would be fairly sure that Kern, who has been a First Division skip for some years, would be entrusted with a rink, but I have had word that there has been a last-minute change and Younghusband will continue as a skip with Kern his No. 3.

With Naef leading and Joe Eastman, who caused some upsets in the Open Singles last season, as his No. 2, Younghusband should have a rink capable of giving many a senior outfit a good game.

Field, no longer tied down by Naval duties, should be able to turn out regularly, while Simpson will be in charge of a useful-looking outfit.

Powerful Team

Recreio, although they did inexplicably badly last season, should be one of the chief challenges to K.F.C.'s supremacy, although O. P. Remedios remains the only old skip. Other rinks will be skipped by J. R. Soares and J. A. Remedios, the latter receiving deserving promotion from an erstwhile No. 2 berth.

senior bowls this season are, Dan Crawley, Charlie Strange and Jack Carr, while Tom Seddon is back in the ranks.

The K.C.C. team looks strange this season without Frank Goodwin and Ernie Kern and although they have a number of comparatively inexperienced players, they should do well enough if all shake down as they are expected to.

Teddy Fincher, the only old skip, seems to have a useful rink with Arthur Perry as lead and Smith and "Paul" Jack as his other front men, while Fraser, who, I hear will be going on leave shortly, should receive good support from George Lee, Taylor and Ramsey.

Tom Madar will make his debut as a skip with Norman Bebbington as his right hand man, "Pop" Parsons as his two, and Bertie Guest, better-known as a hockey and tennis player and who only took up the game a few months ago, as his lead.

Some Changes

The two Bastos, "J.J." and "B.", will again be in charge of a couple of rinks of Recreio. "B." with "Doc" Gutierrez guiding the fortunes of the other. Quite a number of changes have been made in the rinks themselves but, with the large number of young and improving players available, this is not surprising.

Last but not least we come to K.B.G.C. "B", Second Division champions last season. Veteran Bob Duncan and Guy both experienced men, should do quite as well in better company, while Jock McKelvie, who played for the Docks last year and who is taking over one of these rinks, is no newcomer to First Division. Pope and Cheesman, of last year's team are not available but otherwise the team is little changed, although the line-ups to some extent, have been altered.

Taikoo, always a strong team, will not be engaged in the League to-morrow and I understand that they will be a much different team to last year's. Chalmers, is the only old skip, and Melrose and Watson, both No. 3's last season, are likely to take over the other two rinks.

Craigengower will be without Way (promoted) and Ernie Zimmern, who does not intend to play very much this year, but Lock and Randall are still available, with Medina to skip the other rink. Lock's rink looks particularly good as Gaddi is an excellent lead and Ladd has had any amount of experience as skip and No. 3. Lionel Lammert is a new recruit who will assist Medina and another notable member of the side is Ward—he did not play regularly last season—who should strengthen Randall's rink considerably.

I must say I like the look of the K.C.C. team. I notice that Vic Labrum, erstwhile senior, will be playing No. 3 to Tommy Carr, who will also have "Sonny" Capell, an accurate lead, and Tony Fabel.

Carr was one of the most successful skips in Second Division last year, and he is likely to be even more formidable with this team.

Meadows also has a useful four, with Tommy Hunter of the Police as No. 1 and Eric Curtis and Jimmie Jack. Steven, former Civil Service senior No. 3, will be in charge of the third rink.

Well-Balanced K. Tong

Kowloon Tong will be without Spary for their match against K.C.C. and Willie Howard will make his League debut—in a serious match that is—as a skip. Balance is the keynote of the team, as is apparent in the fact that Harry Gittins, for many years a skip, will be lead to Howard. A. Madar is the only newcomer of note and should prove a very useful acquisition. I gather that Hsu is not playing to-morrow as he has been unable to get in any practice.

Cricket Club will be without many of the old faces, notably Alec Mackenzie and Alec Pearce, but Frank Goodwin should strengthen them considerably.

I am sorry to say that I have been unable to secure any information regarding Prison Officers, who, Third Division champions last year, make their debut in higher company.

There should be a higher standard in Third Division but I cannot pretend to be in a position to comment on the teams until they have been in action.

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A friendly football match will be played at Caroline Hill, on Sunday, between Middlesex Regiment and South China, starting at 4.30 p.m.

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FAIRY AUK FAVOURED FOR MACAO MAIN EVENT

Big Dollar Sweep To Be Decided

By "Rapier"

Macao Jockey Club will hold their May meeting at the Areia Preta Race Course, Macao, on Sunday and the first bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m., the first race starting punctually at 3.00 p.m.

There are altogether five events on the programme, and it is expected that many racing enthusiasts from Hong Kong will make the trip. The s.s. "SAI ON" will leave Hong Kong on Sunday at 8.00 a.m. and will return from Macao on Monday at 3.00 a.m.

The principal race of the day will be "The Chairman's Cup," and a special \$1.00 Sweep has been organised in connection with this event.

RACE NO. 1 THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

The day's programme opens with a sprint event for "E" Class China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club. Piet Hein (Mr. Botelho), for winning the Chin-shan Handicap (Six furlongs) at the last meeting, has again been allotted top-weight of 159 lb. and in view of that success, I believe it will win again.

Dow-Jones (Mr. Pan) was a short head behind in the above race and, given a good start, may turn the tables. National Success (Mr. K. I. Ip), winner of the Szechuen Handicap (First section) over this distance, must also command attention.

However, I feel that the most dangerous contender here is Lancashire Chap (Mr. Chao). Its chances of winning are by no means negligible as the pony is quite fast in a sprint race.

Piet Hein is my selection, with Dow Jones second and National Success third.

RACE NO. 2 THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

Second section "E" Class China ponies of Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race, which is another sprint affair, and, in view of its second placing to King's Worthy in the Republican Handicap (Second section) over six furlongs, Hopeful Time, if taken out by a strong jockey, should have no difficulty in accounting for this race.

Mac's Adventure (Mr. Botelho), which won the Chinshan Handicap (Third section), will probably take second place, and National Anthem (Mr. S. W. Pan) should not find it too difficult to take the other minor place.

RACE NO. 3 THE KWAN CHAP HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION) SIX FURLONGS

Another sprint race for the third section of "E" Class China ponies will fight out the issue here. Judging from the entries, Eagle is the best recommendation for a win here in view of its success in the Shekhi Plate (Six furlongs) at the last meeting. It has been given top-weight of 158 lb., but as it will be ridden by Mr. W. N. Yeh, it will have an allowance of 5 lb.

The Mermaid (Mr. S. W. Pan), which was second in the above race, may not be able to win, but it should be near at the finish, while Cloudy Star (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), with only 141 lb. to carry on account of the 5 lb. allowance for a novice jockey, looks dangerous and an upset from this direction is possible.

My nominations are Eagle to win, with The Mermaid second and Cloudy Star third.

RACE NO. 4 THE NAM WANG HANDICAP—SIX FURLONGS

The entries in this race come from China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" Class, and it appears to me that Lovely Star (Mr. Botelho), winner of the Langman Handicap (Five furlongs) in record time at the last meeting, should have no difficulty in carrying off the first prize. Next best pony is Portrush, winner of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second section) at the Valley during the Easter Meeting, which will be taken out by Mr. Chang, while West Lake, if taken out by Mr. Chao, should also be in the picture.

My choice is Lovely Star to win, with Portrush second and West Lake third.

A. CRAWFORD NEW K.C.C. CHAMPION

Something of an upset was caused at Kowloon Cricket Club on Wednesday when A. Crawford beat A. E. P. Guest, holder for the last two years, in the final of the senior championship by 6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 1-6 and 6-4. Crawford was leading by 4-2 in the final set but Guest drew level at 4-4 and then faded out.

RACE NO. 5 THE CHAIRMAN'S CUP—ONE MILE

This, the last race of the day, is the main event and is a handicap for "Y" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club that have started at a race meeting during 1940.

On the result of this race the big \$1.00 Sweep depends. Fairy Auk (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) won the Lung Chen Handicap (One mile) at the last meeting carrying 144 lb. on account of 5 lb. allowance, whereas if again taken out by this jockey on Sunday it will only be penalised by another 3 lb. which I think should not prevent it from winning again.

However, it should receive stern opposition from Fairy Ousel, the second pony in the above race, which will again be taken out by Mr. Botelho although carrying the same weight of 159 lb. Its chances of winning are not altogether out of the question as it was only a length behind in the previous race.

For third place Meadow Eve (Mr. Chao) and Hogmanay (Mr. Chang) should fight out the issue.

TAIL SEEN AS IMPORTANT IN HORSE RACING

Now I'm positive there's nothing new in racing.

Just when Ben Jones had sold me on the idea that long tails had something to do with it, Whirlaway was flattened out like Gus Dorazio, writes a correspondent from New York.

Now when Ben Jones tells you that long tails permit horses to protect themselves from something other than tantalising flies, a bloke is likely to listen.

After all, Whirlaway was the best and leading money-winning juvenile of 1940. The son of Blenheim II-Dust Whirl belongs to Warren Wright, the baking powder king who has some 40 odd nags quartered at Hialeah. Jones, the old Missouri farmer, brought Lawrin down in front in the Kentucky Derby.

Long Tail

No horse running at present has a tail as long as Whirlaway which until the aforementioned pancaking—by four-and-a-half lengths—was one of the winter book favourites for the Kentucky Derby.

Whirlaway's appendage measures five feet, has a golden colour and is as fine as silk. It has the care of a special groom, whose sole duty is to brush and wash the hair daily. The swipe is forbidden to swing a comb, lest some of the precious hair be pulled out.

Tail Means Plenty

"Many a race has been won because of a lengthy tail," said Ben Jones, before his noble animal ran into the Shadybrook Farm pair, Agricole and Cadmium, the other afternoon. "While running, the tail naturally comes on a level with the horse's back and, waving about, it prevents horses coming from behind from getting too close on either side and cutting down the horse in front. There would be less accidents on the track if tails were left as long as nature intended them to be."

Now I'm afraid that Trainer Jones, with all his experience, has running horses mixed with show horses. The show ring is

GUEST GIVES PAGH A RUN FOR HIS MONEY

By "Adrem"

M. Pagh, the holder, and C. H. R. Oxlade entered the final of the Club singles championship on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday when they beat Capt. R. E. Guest and Lt. F. W. Carter respectively.

PATERSON RATED WORLD BEATER

In Jackie Paterson, tough little "south-paw" from Glasgow, Britain probably possesses the best flyweight in the world.

He definitely established himself as the best at his weight in Great Britain when he retained his British and Empire championships by beating Paddy Ryan, of Manchester, in eight rounds at Nottingham.

Americans have rated Paterson as the leading challenger for the vacant world title, but the Scot realises that before he can achieve his ambition of fighting for this, there is another and greater fight to be won.

"It's a bit idle thinking about the world title yet," he told Reuter after his victory over Ryan. "I have heard about the Americans' best flyweight, Little Dado, and I should very much like to meet him, but I am of military age, and in any case I have got another job on at the moment that takes all my time—helping to build ships."

A Brilliant Future

However, Paterson is young enough—he is not yet 21—to make up for lost time when the greatest battle of all time is over, and he can look forward to a brilliant future. Paterson is working in the shipyards, and rivetting and welding seem to have sharpened his sense of timing and given him greater punching power.

Ryan, a private in the Army, went thirteen rounds with Paterson in Glasgow in September, 1939, when the latter won the British and Empire titles for the first time by knocking him out. But this latest contest never looked like going as far. Paterson, with his right arm and foot forward, had the initiative all the time, and was punching so much more crisply and so much the harder that there was never any doubt about the result long before the finish. The champion's terrific left swings brought out old cuts above Ryan's eyes, and in the sixth round Paterson, with a right to the chin, knocked Ryan right through the ropes and on to the floor.

Terrific Battering

Ryan, after gathering his senses, managed to climb back as the count reached nine, but for the next few minutes he took a terrific battering and only his will power and dogged determination kept him going. By the eighth round he had practically no defence at all, and his manager and chief showed the towel to the referee who intervened to save Ryan from a certain knock-out.

Paterson, since he has been champion, has improved both in punching power and toughness, and at the moment he stands supreme in his class. He has not much boxing ability yet—that will come later—but what he lacks in this he makes up for in the power of his punch.

More surprising, however, was Paterson's use of his right hand. For a man who stands as he does, "the wrong way round," this is usually a defensive weapon, but he used it as a straight punch to the jaw and troubled Ryan with it on innumerable occasions.

Paterson succeeds a great line of Scottish champions such as Johnny Hill, Elky Clark and Benny Lynch, but he is not yet within striking distance of the latter as a complete champion.—Reuter.

the place for the curycumb. Despite Ben Jones' theory, the old school knows best.

The only part of a horse where length is advantageous is the nose, and he'd better have it up there at the wire... or else stick out his tongue.

Pagh won 6-3, 6-4 and Oxlade's score was 6-3, 6-1.

Guest, on his display yesterday, would not have won a prize for fluency of stroke but he played a particularly thrustful game that gave Pagh some unhappy moments and which would probably have met with some success against a player less consistent.

In the first set Guest went away like a house on fire and, mixing his shots well and making good use of spin, he took a 3-0 lead and bid fair to break up Pagh's game. The champion, however, then settled down and swept the sidelines with powerful drives on both hands. Guest was not able to stand up to a long rally and Pagh reeled off six games in a row, after breaking through in the fourth game of the set in the face of fierce opposition from Guest.

Although Guest took four games in the second set, he did not play as well as he had been doing earlier. Pagh was very inconsistent with his serving and, having established his superiority, went for shots that I feel certain he would not have tried under different circumstances.

Pagh, in the course of the match, showed more confidence on the volley, and willingness to attack from the forecourt, than I have ever seen him display before.

Oxlade beat Carter in a match of very low standard.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v Club de Recreio Away):—J. A. D. Morrison, P. S. Cassidy, L. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip).

R. R. Davies, E. Hospes, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

L. A. B. Duncan, G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell and F. Goodwin (Skip).

Third Division (v Club de Recreio Home):—P. Morrison, D. J. Valentine, E. S. Doughty and W. A. Cornell (Skip).

H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. R. Lambert, A. S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip).

J. C. Haig, L. E. N. Ryan, J. B. Gilroy and A. McKellar (Skip).

T.D.R.C.

Friendly (v H.K. Electric Home):—E. E. Wilson, F. S. Thomson, J. J. Whyte and J. C. Chalmers (Skip).

F. J. Jeacocke, H. Kew, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip).

W. G. McKee, D. Coull, C. Bovaird and J. A. Watson (Skip).

Reserves:—A. MacArthur, and L. Gibson.

K.F.C.

Second Division (v H.K.F.C. Home):—W. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (Skip).

N. Naef, A. L. Eastman, E. Kern and T. Youngusband (Skip).

A. Dand, C. Dowman, J. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C. Away):—Cross, Thompson, Macintyre and Ogden (Skip).

Williams, Frost, Abbas and Smalley (Skip).

Woodcock, S. C. Wong, Fuller and Evans (Skip).

Reserve:—W. Ogley.

C.C.C.

First Division (v Recreio "A"):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).

A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip).

Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rousselet (Skip).

Second Division (v Prison Officers' Club):—L. Gaddi, W. E. Broadbridge, G. S. Ladd and T. L. Lock (Skip).

D. A. Rozario, A. E. S. Alves, L. E. Lammert and M. J. Medina (Skip).

S. R. Solina, H. G. Forman, W. Ward and H. W. Randall (Skip).

Third Division (v Kowloon B.C.C.):—W. J. Curd, A. Kitchell, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip).

L. M. Roza, M. A. Baptista, F. X. Delgado and A. J. Coelho (Skip).

E. J. Todd, F. Leo, F. K. Modi and J. Pau (Skip).

K.D.R.C.

First Division (v Kowloon Bowling Green Home):—J. Vandervliet, W. C. Mackie, W. Houston and J. K. Moxton (Skip).

R. H. A. Lapsley, W. McMaster, H. G. Cooper and T. Coleman (Skip).

J. V. Ramsay, M. Ferguson, P. Culican and R. Morrison (Skip).



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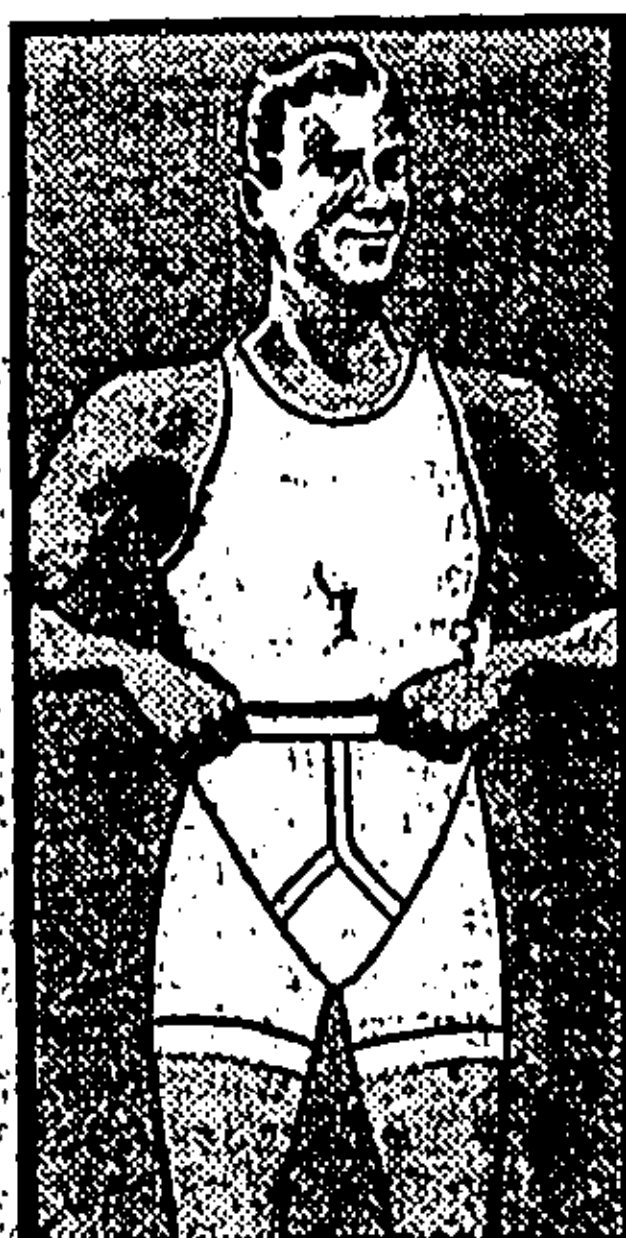
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P.K. Hooi Takes Honours With Two Major Titles

Miss Khoo Plays Game Of Life

By "Adrem"

Badminton in Hong Kong reached hitherto unattained heights at Kowloon Cricket Club last night, when a crowd every bit as large as that present on Tuesday, watched the concluding series of matches in the Colony championships.

Newcomer Choy Kok-wah might have taken the most coveted title — the senior singles championship—but the palm goes to the popular P. K. Hooi, who, with Miss Khoo, won the mixed title, and in partnership with H. F. Chew, the men's doubles crown. Hooi did not take part in the tournament last year, but for the previous two seasons he achieved the coveted feat of winning all three major titles.

In previous badminton programmes in the course of the tournament just concluded, there have been very good matches interspersed with very bad ones. Last night, however, the three matches were all first-class entertainment value, while the men's doubles produced a standard in some of the rallies which must have been, as Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce remarked later, bordering on first-class.

That Choy did not meet with much success is in no way a reflection on his skill or fighting capabilities. At various periods in both matches he very nearly beat the opposition off his own racket, but whereas his terrific smash and powerful clearing shot are so deadly in the singles game, at doubles they can be countered and, with two such fine combinations as Hooi and Miss Khoo, and Hooi and Chew, countered they were.

Difficult To Report

It is difficult to put into cold words a report of the men's doubles match which wound up the evening; the "bird" flashing from side to side of the net and brilliant shot being countered with equal brilliancy. At times the excitement reached such a pitch that spectators—the staidest of them—could scarce forbear to cheer before the rally was finished.

In the first game, with Low showing some signs of nervousness, Hooi and Chew won at 15-7 although they had to fight hard for every point. In the second game, Choy played brilliantly and he and Low levelled the issues by winning at 15-11 after a great struggle in which their opponents tried hard to score in straight games.

In the final game, Low struck his best form, playing some brilliant shots at the net and smashing accurately for outright points. When Choy and Low led 9-2 and later 11-3 it all appeared to be over, but Hooi and Chew then revealed their fighting capabilities and slowly crept up.

At this stage the terrific effort he had been called upon to make in both his matches was beginning to have some effect on Choy, who made errors that hitherto he had not been seen to make, and slowly the opposition crept up, eventually to "set" at 13.

Amid great excitement, Hooi and Chew drew first blood, and after service had changed hands

several times without result, they went on to 4-1 and then won the game and set when Hooi caught Choy off balance with a clearing service that left him standing.

Deadly Smash

Choy was easily the best man on the court but there were occasions when I thought he was assuming too much of the play. His smash was invariably deadly and his short game accurate but his much-boasted backhand drive down the sideline did not register once.

Low's positional work was also not all that it should have been but he played very well indeed.

He was rarely caught with anything that it was possible to get to and he more than matched Chew with his drops. I particularly liked his smash, as although it was not spectacular, it was well-placed and very crisp.

Hooi was sound in every department except service and it was his inaccuracy with his service that nearly cost the match. His courtcraft was excellent, while overhead he was decisive.

Chew played some of the most subtle shots of the four but he was inclined to overdo his angled drops, failing with these quite as many times as he scored.

His stroke-equipment is very complete and on his form in his last two matches he is probably the finest doubles player in the Colony.

With Miss Khoo playing the game of her life and, on occasions even standing up to Choy's smash, Miss Khoo and Hooi were at all times superior to Choy and Mrs. Castro, although the latter pair had quite a long lead in the early part of the first game.

Mrs. Castro had an unhappy match and appeared to be nervous



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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

MIXED DOUBLES
P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro, 15-12, 15-9.
JUNIOR SINGLES
T. S. Young beat A. L. Fisher, 12-15, 15-9, 15-12.
SENIOR DOUBLES
P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew beat K. W. Choy and K. B. Low, 15-7, 11-15, 18-14.

and it was her errors that cost her the match as Choy never gave up trying.

Dour Match

The junior singles was a dour affair with neither player giving an inch. Sound methods were pursued rather than the brilliant and consequently the rallies were never spectacular but throughout the three games, one man was always fighting against great odds and this maintained interest.

Young started off like a house on fire and led 7-1 before Fisher scored his first ace. At 11-6 Young looked certain to take the game but Fisher staged a magnificent rally and, playing fine defensive badminton in which he was content to win points on Young's errors, he made up the deficit to go out at 15-12.

Fisher had some difficulty with a fast shuttle in the second game and Young had secured a useful lead before he had it changed.

With Young at 11-3, it appeared to me that Fisher was prepared to concede the game and throw all his reserves into a big effort to take the decider.

When Young made a series of errors, however, Fisher evidently changed his mind and he contested every point bitterly and made up a great deal of arrears before Young won the game.

With the K.C.C. player at 9-4 in the final game it all appeared to be over but once again came a rally from Young, who played some daring shots to emerge a deserving winner.

At the conclusion of the programme of matches the prizes for the season were presented by Mrs. T. E. Pearce.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fabling —

SUNDAY Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	A. McKellar, N. K. Little, John
9.20	R. P. Morris, H. S. Rees
9.24	A. H. Penn, A. C. I. Bowker
9.28	R. Young, R. Forrest
9.32	A. B. Stafford, J. Hackney
9.36	J. C. Taylor, A. B. Purves
9.40	A. W. Bourne, I. H. Geare
9.44	J. R. Sindlinger, F. X. Lee
9.48	J. A. Parrish, H. W. Beisley
9.52	R. Sanger, L. C. Hamlin
9.56	R. R. Pearson, G. Behrman
10.00	C. J. Lafferty, A. W. Gibson
10.04	G. T. Harrington, J. S. Lee
10.08	K. S. Morrison, G. M. Park
10.12	G. T. Lowry, A. V. Greaves
10.16	J. Linaker, Col. Matthews
10.20	M. G. Carruthers, J. C. Fitz Henry
10.24	T. Low, J. Harrop
10.28	T. Megarry, L. R. Andrews
10.32	D. H. Hamilton, D. G. G. Allen
10.36	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy
10.40	A. C. Meredith, D. B. Evans
10.44	J. Fleming, D. D. Forbes
10.48	S. I. Lloyd, R. Parkinson
10.52	H. G. Muir, W. A. Hogarth
10.56	J. R. Way, H. A. Mills
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	P. Morrison, R. R. Davies
9.52	E. G. Price, J. A. Blackwood
10.00	Brig. Macleod, S. H. Dodwell
10.16	Miss Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett
10.20	Miss Blackburn, W. E. Annett

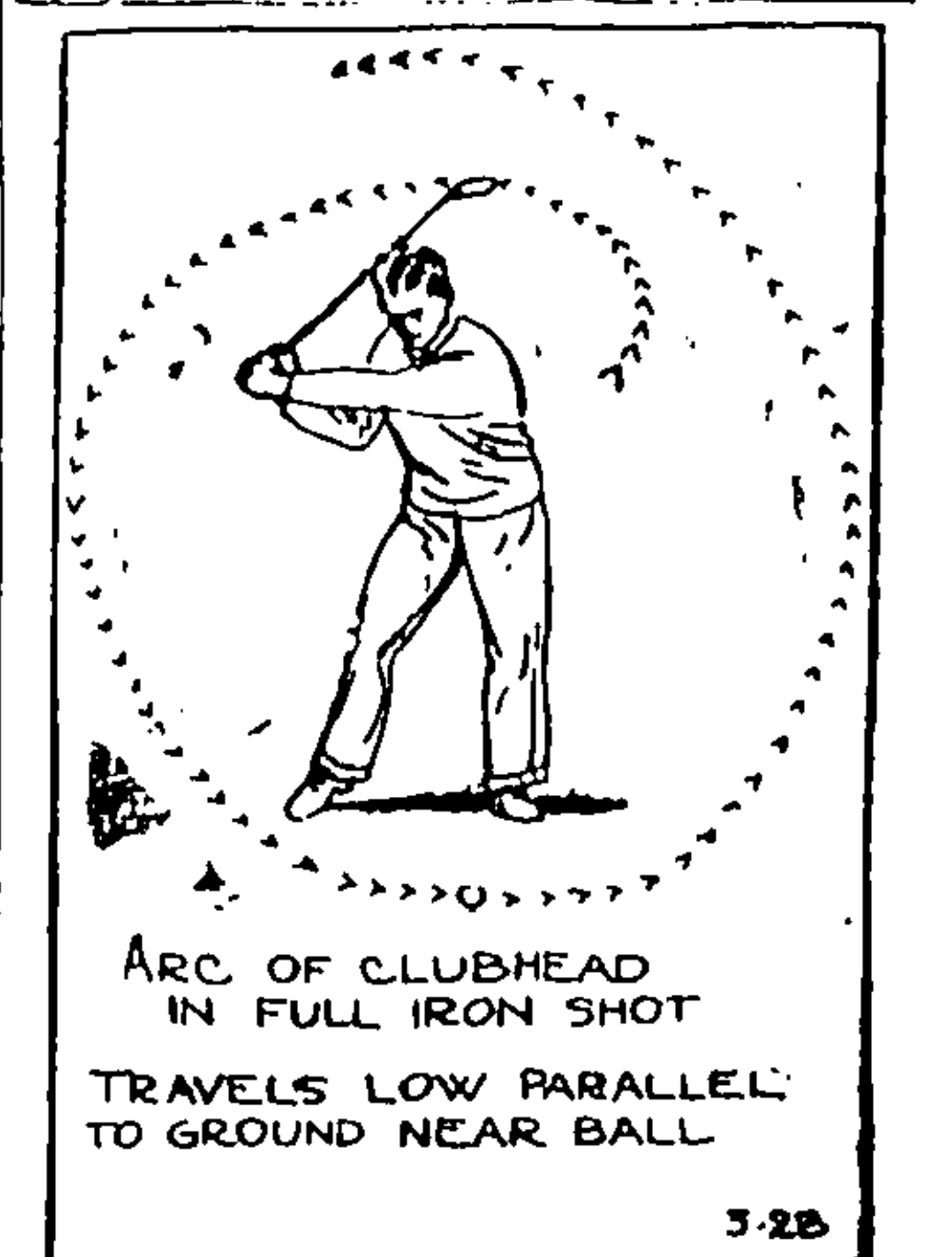


TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES	
Semi-Final	S. A. Rumjahn v Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).
CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES	
Semi-Final	C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (- 4/6) v J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) (4).

GRAPHIC GOLF



Path Of Stroke

By BEST BALL

The actual arc of Bobby Jones club head arc is illustrated above as revealed by the split second camera. Naturally it is pretty hard for the average player to visualise the path of his own stroke but following, as well as possible, such a pattern, as that shown above, will have a beneficial effect. Naturally everyone cannot make his backstroke so complete that the clubhead will reach the low point, below the horizontal, shown here but some effort can be made to maintain its width.

This means that the club must be pushed back with an extended left arm, and the greatest value of this method lies in the hitting area within eighteen inches of the ball. It is at this point in the downswing that the clubhead should pursue a path close to the ground and parallel to it, so that contacting the ball in this area at any point, will result in a well hit shot.

Next Article: — Direction Change.



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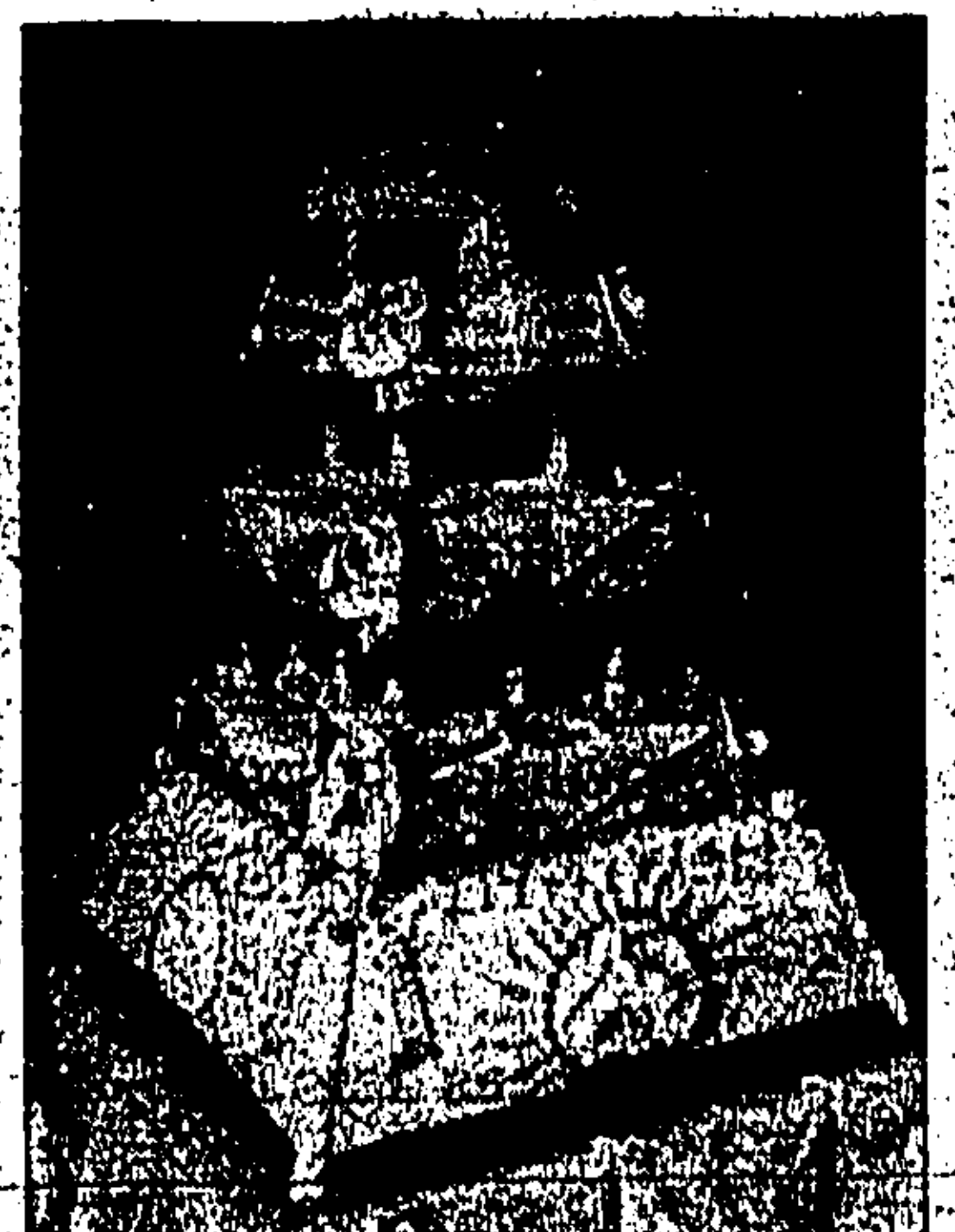
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NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF EL GAZALA

A successful bombardment of enemy troops and supplies in the El Gazala area of Libya by British naval units is reported by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, stated an Admiralty communique released in London yesterday, according to Reuter.

U.S. FLEET STRIPPED FOR ACTION

"Our Fleet is ready and stripped for action," declared Admiral Adolphus Andrews, of the U.S. 3rd naval district, to the New York Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

"We must ensure the delivery of needed supplies for England."

Dr. Benes On Settlement After War

THE PRIME NECESSITY for a constructive settlement at the end of the present war, in order to avoid still another European war, was stressed by Dr. Edouard Benes, the Czech President, in an interview published in the Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland" in London yesterday.

Hitler, stated Dr. Benes, was no longer able to control events; the German dictator was driven or dragged along by his own war machine.

He must act but his acts cannot change his inevitable fate — defeat.

"The Germans must go back to the old borders the borders before the invasion of Austria. I BELIEVE IN A LONG ARMISTICE OF TWO OR THREE YEARS, IN WHICH ALL WOULD BE REGULATED THAT AROSE FROM THE WAR SO AS TO MAKE FINAL PEACE CONSTRUCTIVE."

Dr. Benes declared the Sud-

If that means convoys then we must convoy, otherwise we may as well prepare for England's defeat.

"There can be no peace for us until the present chaos is eliminated. We must prepare now for any eventuality." — Reuter.

tenland would again become part of Czechoslovakia but European, American and Russian aid was desired in organising a final settlement. — Reuter.

THREAT TO SINK U.S. WARSHIPS

All ships, including American warships, are liable to German attack within Germany's proclaimed war zones, is an official German declaration, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter" yesterday.

This applies, continues the declaration, irrespective of whether other powers acknowledge these war zones or not.

The newspaper's military correspondent says what while British land operations during April were "most depressing."

IT SEEMS THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AT PRESENT IN NO WAY CORRESPONDS WITH THE PROMISES MADE BY THE GERMANS IN THEIR ADVANCE PUBLICITY.

American patrolling of this front must be regarded as most significant and would seem likely shortly to become convoying in the opinion of this writer, who concludes "The consequences of this action remain to be seen." — Reuter.

THEFT OF SAMPAN

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, Chan Fuk, 36, was fined \$50, or one month's hard labour, for stealing an unlicensed sampan.

Det.-Sgt. Matches said that Fung Kam, master of trading junk No. T3453H, left the sampan near Shauiwan at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Half an hour later he returned to find the sampan was missing.

At 4.30 a.m. the following morning, PC406 was patrolling in a police launch in the Typhoon Shelter when he saw accused rowing the sampan using a piece of wood as an oar and arrested him.

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CHANGES IN THE CHURCHILL GOVERNMENT

Changes in the Churchill Government were announced in London last night.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, becomes Minister of State.

Col. Moore-Brabazon, Minister of Transport, becomes Minister of Air Production.

Mr. Lathers is appointed combined Minister of Shipping and Transport.

Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping goes to Australia as High Commissioner.

— Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A suggestion that President Roosevelt visit Japan for the purpose of "putting an end to the present world war," is made by the Tokyo pro-army newspaper "Kokumin Shimbun."

The paper says that judging from press comments opinion in America favouring a visit from Mr. Matsuoka is gaining ground.

It says that Mr. Matsuoka and Colonel Lindbergh might be able to "carry all before them" if they delivered a course of lectures all over America!

America, the paper thinks, is awakening to the reality of Japanese opposition and policy in the Far East.

"The United States ought to look squarely at Japan as she stands in greater East Asia."

The paper concludes by referring to President Wilson's visit to Europe at the end of the Great War, and asks "Why should not President Roosevelt visit Japan and put an end to the present world war?" — Reuter.

AXIS RUSE IN EGYPT?

A prediction that the main attack by the Axis forces against Egypt will come from inland points, was made yesterday by Colonel Bratt, the Swedish military expert.

Writing in the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter," he says it is hardly conceivable that the enemy operations round Sollum represent a serious assumption of their offensive.

"They are more likely intended to hold the British there and elsewhere on the coast while air bases are organised and preparations made for an attack from the south."

COL. BRATT SAYS THE OUTCOME OF THE BALKANS CAMPAIGN WAS NEVER IN DOUBT ONCE IT WAS REALISED TURKEY WOULD NOT INTERVENE — REUTER.

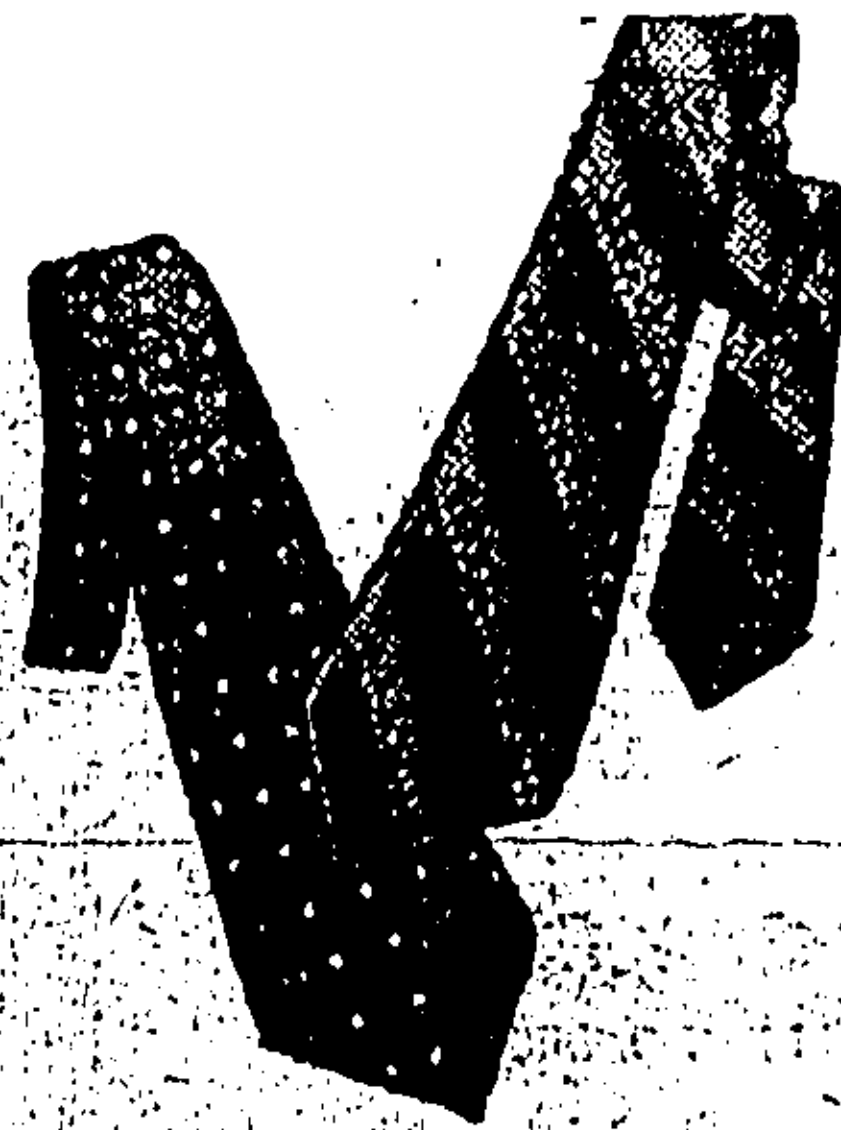
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